



# Cornbank Primary School

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## Primary 4/5 Term 2 Newsletter

Happy New Year - wishing everyone a wonderful 2023. P4/5 have come back with real enthusiasm, showing concentration and great listening too. If the first couple of weeks are anything to go by, we are going to have a fantastic term! We are looking forward to celebrating Burns, starting our space topic and thinking about how we can be successful learners across the curriculum.

### Literacy

This term in reading we will be using Literature Circles to take on the roles of Summariser, Illustrator, Quiz Master, Word Wizard and Interviewer. We will use these tasks for checking our understanding of the text and developing independence when generating group discussions. We will also continue working on our comprehension using a mixture of the Reading Box and book based questions.

In Writing our main focus will be recount writing - creating news reports and biographical pieces related to our space topic. We will also be producing factfiles and honing our research skills. We will also have weekly grammar lessons to further improve our writing.

Spelling will continue to be taught weekly with patterns taught, practised and tested.

### Health & Wellbeing

As a whole school, we continue to work on the Building Resilience programme. Skipper will be encouraging us to Talk Things Over, highlighting the benefits of sharing our worries and asking for help. We will also be using the RSHP Programme to learn about our bodies, diversity and respect and keeping ourselves safe online.

In P.E. we will be finishing our Gymnastics block and moving on to racquet skills.

### Numeracy and Maths

We are consolidating our addition and subtraction learning from last term and moving on to multiplication, developing our times tables knowledge and understanding different strategies we can use to solve multiplication problems. We will continue to use Basic Maths Facts, Sumdog and games to support our learning, particularly for times tables this term.

In Maths our focus will be money - moving on to Time later in the term.

### Topic

Our new topic this term is Space - Infinity and Beyond. We will be learning about the planets in our solar system, investigating how our lives are impacted by space (in particular the moon and the sun), finding out about space exploration and contemplating questions such as, "is there life out there?" Hopefully this topic will be out of this world!

### Additional Information

Please remember Thursday continues to be our P.E. day so please come in comfortable clothing. We will also be aiming to get outside for a Daily Mile when the weather allows, so warm jackets and comfortable footwear would be super!

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions or queries. Thank you for your continued support.

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