



## **PPG Meeting – HT Report**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023**

### **School Improvement Update**

Our attainment figures from last year are on the rise. There are many factors that influence these figures, ie, numbers of pupils in class as it is done as a percentage, ASL levels, etc. However, the improvements made in Literacy, Numeracy and HWB would also have played a significant part of these improvements. The school is determined to continue to improve in these areas. This session we will introduce the following to support this:

#### Priority 1: Literacy

Accelerated Reader to support reading. The staff will attend training in this over the next few weeks so it can be implemented properly. We are also in the process of banding our library to support pupils identify books that will be suitably challenging for them when they read for pleasure.

We are continuing to use Big Writing and Phonics International in the school to provide a coherent progression of writing and spelling throughout the school.

#### Priority 2: Maths

Late last session we were successful in our bid for a 3-year subscription to Big Maths. The maths development group and I have attended training on this and we will begin to implement this during this term. Big Maths should allow us to ensure that we are setting the appropriate pace and challenge for our pupils through weekly assessments that show if a pupil has understood the concept or if there are any gaps in their learning.

#### Priority 3: HWB

This session we will be using the CIRCLE resource to audit our environment and practice to ensure that it is inclusive. We will also continue to use Zones of Regulation across the school.



## PEF Spend

This session the school was awarded £10,400 in PEF money. This, along with some underspend from last session has been used for the following:

- 🌐 6hrs PSA per week
- 🌐 3-year Sumdog subscription for Spelling, Grammar and Maths
- 🌐 3-year Accelerated Reader Subscription
- 🌐 2-Year Learning Journals Subscription
- 🌐 Accessible Learning Supports
- 🌐 Breakfast and snack available for pupils throughout the year
- 🌐 7 iPads with protective cases

Many of our new approaches to learning rely heavily on technology. There is currently a grant submitted for 25 iPads and we are awaiting the outcome of this.

## Learning Journals

We hope to launch Learning Journals next week, on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. I have said to staff that it will take till the end of term 2 to see how it can be best used for our school community. After this time, guidance will be put in place, similar to Sumdog, on how it can be best used for sharing learning with families and also evidencing the learning journey of each pupil.

## P7 Residential Trip

We plan to go to Loch Insh again this year and 3 other schools have expressed an interest in joining us. We have just been provided with quotes for Loch Insh and the prices have increased this year. The cost of a 3 night/4 day trip is £400 excluding the bus and the cost of a 2 night/3 day trip will be approx. £270 excluding the bus. I am in discussions with the other schools to determine the length of the visit.

## Vision, Values and Aims

We will be revisiting our VVA to ensure that it is still aspirational for the school. Informal feedback about our values are that there are too many of them and that the children don't fully understand them, even though they are discussed in class and at assembly. During this session we will be consulting the pupils and families on what vision, values and aims will be aspirational for the Rothie school community.