



Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 5

Mrs C. Duffin

Term 3 2025-2026



The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)

Our theme for Term 3 is **Farming**, which focuses on the importance farming has in our lives, including food and produce and how they travel from **Farm to Fork**. This theme introduces children to Farming in Ireland and will provide them with an understanding of the history of farming and how life on the farm has changed in the modern day, with an aim to inspire an appreciation for the vital role that agriculture plays in our society.

The development of farming in Ireland will be our focus, looking at the evolution from traditional practices to modern techniques. A key focus will be on the advancements in technology and how these improvements have revolutionised farming, enhancing productivity and sustainability. We will take a closer look at our local area, specially Glenravel and County Antrim, to identify and learn about the diverse types of farms that contribute to our agricultural landscape.

Primary 5 will take on an exciting STEM challenge, where they will design and create a tractor using recycled materials, allowing them to use numeracy to design their tractor to scale, calculating measurements as they bring their tractor ideas to life. The children will look at friction as they will be given the opportunity to test their tractor on different surfaces; as they learn how friction is a force that works against a moving object and makes it slow down.

Our learning will be connected to Literacy with the children researching and writing a biography of Harry Ferguson, a pivotal figure in the development of farm machinery, as well as crafting a report on Armagh, known as the Orchard County. The writing tasks will not only enhance the pupils writing skills but will also deepen their knowledge of local history and agricultural practices.

This term in:

Maths Mastery: In our Maths Mastery this term the Year 5 children will be focusing on

- Area and perimeter
- Solving Measure and Money Problems
- Shape and Symmetry
- Position and Direction
- 3D Shapes

In Mental Maths, we will begin to revise some of the topics we have covered already this year. It is important to keep revisiting these areas to make sure that everyone has still retained this knowledge and understanding. Please work on the Mental Maths focus each week with your child, as it will be tested in our Friday Check-ups.

Literacy: I am proud of the children's efforts with Accelerated Reader in Term 1 and Term 2. As a school, we urge each child to try to increase their quiz accuracy and percentage score. This ensures deep understanding of the content read.

We continue to learn and use our cursive handwriting style and the children are really embracing this challenge.

ICT: In Term 3, children will get the opportunity to use Microsoft Word and begin to make their own Powerpoints about an aspect of farming.

PE: Primary 5 have just completed our swimming block on a Monday. Therefore, we now commence GAA coaching sessions on Monday afternoons, from now until the end of term. Our PE days will now be Mondays and Thursdays in Term 3.

What else is happening this term?



Take Five: Our children's wellbeing continues to be an important feature of the school curriculum. This term we will be continuing to **connect**, to **learn**, to be **active**, to take **notice** and to **give** in order to promote wellbeing. Our Take 5 is incorporated into our daily life in the classroom, and we will take a particular focus on appreciating our local area through our topic of Farming.

Shared Education:

Primary 5 will continue our Shared Education with Camphill Primary School with two face to face visits and two online art sessions together. We are looking forward to all of our upcoming Shared Education activities.

Homework:

- Reading – 20 minutes of AR each night. Children will also have a guided reading book.
- Literacy and Numeracy weekly written tasks
- Mental Maths Focus - can be found in numeracy homework books and will be tested on in Friday Check-Up
- Spellings for Friday Check-Up



Mrs Duffin's Term 3 Motto:



**“A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.”-
Albert Einstein**



Key Dates For Mrs Duffin's Class in Term 3

- Tin whistle – each Friday until end of term
- Shared Education- to Camphill PS Thursday 16th April
- Final Primary 5 Swim for Mrs Duffin's class- Monday 20th April
- Confirmation (children off school but expected to be part of our choir)- Friday 24th April
- PE GAA coaching commences for P5 Mrs Duffin's class – Monday 27th April
- NI Water visits MQP for Primary 5- Wednesday 13th May
- Sports Day (weather depending) – Friday 29th May
- Primary 5 School Trip- Friday 5th June
- Shared Education Activity Day- Camphill PS and MQP children both at Con Magees GAC for final day together- Friday 11th June