



Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 7

Term 3 2025-2026



The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)



Our theme for Term 3 is 'World War 2'. Pupils will learn about key historical events and what life was like during the war. They will explore geography by using maps and atlases to understand where countries involved were located and how geography influenced events. The topic will also include creative learning through art, with pupils using clay to create a commemorative item linked to a person or an important aspect of World War 2, helping them reflect on its significance in a hands-on way.

In our music lessons the pupils will learn how important music was to boost the morale of civilians and soldiers alike. One of the songs from the 'forces' sweetheart Vera Lynn will be learned and performed. We will use our xylophones as an instrumental accompaniment.

Pupils will also spend time contemplating the new and exciting chapter of their lives as they transition to post primary school in September. The pupils will be researching the secondary school they will attend in September as well as having opportunities to talk through any questions or worries they might have about moving on to secondary school.

The Primary 7 pupils will end their year together with a 1-night residential trip to Gartan Outdoor Education and Training Centre in Co Donegal.



This term in:

Maths: This term in Maths Mastery we will complete our two final units on **Geometry and Statistics**. In geometry pupils will describe coordinates in all four quadrants, translate 2-D shapes across all four quadrants, reflect 2-D shapes across axes as well as solve problems involving coordinates.

In statistics the pupils will calculate and interpret mean as an average as well as constructing and interpreting line graphs and pie charts.

We will also spend some time recapping and solidifying the basic numeracy skills involving the 4 operations, eg: long/short multiplication, long/short division, addition and subtraction with numbers up to 7 digits. This will ensure that the pupils are in a confident position to tackle the Year 8 maths curriculum next year.

Mental maths strategies will also be developed as we specifically look at how *Rounding and Adjusting and Partitioning* can be used to make mental calculations easier.

Literacy: The children will have the opportunity to write an article for the very popular NEWSDESK platform. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to write for a different audience, not just their teacher, as their work will be read by pupils across the country. Writing using paragraphs will be a focus for this activity.

Recount writing will also be explored, as the pupils share the fun memories they have of their time spent in MQP.

AR targets have been set, once again, this term. Please ask your child what their target for this term is and ensure that they are completing nightly reading in the form of their guided reading book or their AR book. We have had 3 (female) AR Millionaire in Primary 7 so far and it would be great to see a few more before the end of the year, especially a male one!!

ICT: Our focus for Term 3 will be in *Managing Data*. The children will use MS Excel for the first time to create and use a spreadsheet cipher highlighting the importance of keeping information secret and secure during WW2. The pupil will become familiar with key vocabulary associated with spreadsheets such as *cells, columns, rows, cipher and formula*.

What else is happening this term?

PE:

P.E. will take place on a Monday and Tuesday and the focus for this term will be GAA skills and athletics. Please wear trainers to school on these days and shorts underneath trousers and skirts, if you wish.

Homework:

- ❖ **Reading nightly** and will be one of the following: AR book or Guided reader.
- ❖ **Spellings & Activity booklet** – complete Mon, Tues and Wed nights.
- ❖ **Mini Paragraph** – Thursday night.
- ❖ **Literacy:** Monday and Tuesday nights.
- ❖ **Numeracy:** Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Your child has a **Learning at Home book** which should be used to revise spellings and practise areas of maths facts.

Please make sure you check over and sign your child's written homeworks each night.

Handwriting – Cursive handwriting will continue to be taught this term with a special **'Pen License'** being issued to the pupils at the end of the lessons. This license will allow them to complete written homeworks and classwork in pen if they so wish. In one homework task, we will encourage the pupils to complete it using 'cursive script'.

Primary 7 Residential:

A final information letter regarding the residential will be sent out in the week prior to the trip. Please ensure all payments are made by Friday 15th May. Thank you in advance.