



Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 7

Term 2 2025-2026



The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)



During Term 2, our learning theme will be **“Unsinkable – Titanic.”**

The children will explore the story of the Titanic in depth, including its connection to Belfast and the route it followed on its famous—yet tragic—maiden voyage over 100 years ago.

The class will develop their **research skills** as they investigate the causes and mistakes that led to the sinking of this iconic ship.

They will also learn about the key figures whose names have become forever linked with the Titanic story.

Through **practical science investigations**, the children will bring the events of the Titanic to life, discovering how science played a vital role during the ship’s construction, voyage, and sinking.

This term in:

Maths:

This term in Maths Mastery we will calculate and compare **percentages** of different amounts, connecting percentages with fractions and decimals. In the **Measures** unit will also be explored in this term as we use, read, write and convert between standard units of measures, **length, mass, time, money and volume** as well as imperial units. We will learn how to calculate the area of parallelograms and triangles and estimate and compare the volume of cuboids.

Mental maths strategies will also be developed as we specifically look at how *Counting on and Back, Re-ordering and Inverse Operation* can be used to make mental calculations easier.

Times Tables will be the focus for our mental maths homework as we complete The Big Times Table Challenge – Adults V Children. This is a fun way for you to get involved in your child’s learning. It’s amazing how competitive some parents can get when taking part.

Literacy:

Our class novel for Term 2 is *The Spirit of the Titanic* by Nicola Pierce. This is a fictional narrative that links perfectly to our termly topic.

The children will study the features of **scientific report writing** and will then use this type of writing in the practical science investigations linked to this topic. **Limericks** will be developed as part of our poetry writing and pupils will also learn how to write a postcard and address and envelope, two dying activities in this modern world. Report writing skills will be further developed through the creation of a newspaper report linked to the Titanic events.

This term, we will introduce our new handwriting scheme, focusing on cursive writing. Primary 7 children will also work towards achieving their pen licence in Term 3, enhancing their writing skills and promoting neatness in their work.

ICT:

Our focus for Term 2 is Film and Animation. The children will use green-screen technology and video recording equipment to produce their own news report which will provide their audience with information based around the story of the Titanic.



What else is happening this term?

P.E:

P.E. will take place on a Thursday and the focus for this term will be on Dance – Creative and Folk. Please wear trainers to school on Tuesdays and shorts underneath trousers and skirts, if you wish.



Homework:

- ❖ **Reading nightly** and will be one of the following: AR book or Guided reader.
- ❖ **The BIG Tables Challenge:** times tables will be the focus this term. I appreciate your participation in this activity too.
- ❖ **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.

Religion: The sacrament of Confirmation will be the focus for Primary 7 this term. Our Grow in Love programme will deepen the children’s understanding of their faith as they learn about their parish, their diocese, the role of the bishop and the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit. The children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 27th March 2026 (provisional date).

We will participate in **Catholic Schools’ Week** which takes place on 19-23 January. We look forward to welcoming our Grandparents to our school Mass and to view our art work in the Parish Hall.