



Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 7

Term 2 2024-2025



The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)



Our theme for Term 2 is *Unsinkable - Titanic*. The children will be studying the story of the Titanic in detail, looking at its link with Belfast and the journey the ship took when it set sail on its maiden voyage over 100 years ago.

Research skills will be developed as the children discover information on the causes and mistakes that led to the tragic sinking of this majestic ship, as well as finding out about the key characters that will be forevermore linked to the Titanic story.

Through practical science investigations the story of the Titanic will be brought to life and the children will see how science played a pivotal role during the key moments in the history of the world's most famous ship.

We will take our learning outside the classroom with a visit to The Titanic Museum in Belfast on Friday 21 March. Here the children will discover the sights, sounds, smells and stories of the RMS Titanic and of the people and city that made her.

This term in:

Maths:

This term in Maths Mastery we will complete our work on **Fractions** as we compare and convert mixed numbers and improper fraction; add, subtract multiple and divide fractions as well as solving problems involving fraction. We will calculate and compare **percentages** of different amounts, connecting percentages with fractions and decimals. **Measures** 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. The final unit for this term will focus on coordinates and shapes. The children will draw, translate and reflect shapes on a coordinate plane and learn how to use a compass to draw circles with various diameters and circumferences.

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.

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. They will also be practising report writing skills by completing a newspaper report on the Titanic events.

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?

PE:

P.E. will take place on a Tuesday 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 Thursday 3 April 2025.

We will participate in **Catholic Schools' Week** which takes place on 19-25 January and look forward to welcoming our Grandparents to our classroom after mass on Friday 31st January.

