



# Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 7

Term 3 2024-2025



## The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)



Our theme for Term 3 is '*New Beginnings*'. Using story writing, poetry, song, dance and art, the children will have the opportunity to reflect on their time together in MQP. They 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 as well as having opportunities to talk through any questions or worries they might have about moving on to secondary school.

Our *New Beginnings* will also see the Primary 7 pupils set up and run their own business! Through the *Young Enterprise Business Beginnings* programme, the children will discover important business decisions that must be made in relation to start-up capital, business ideas, strengths needed for different job roles, producing products and selling at a trade event. Work has begun on this business venture already and the pupils are really looking forward to bringing their '*MQP Shopping Spree*' business products to the playgrounds of Cargan and Martinstown in June.

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



### **This term in:**

#### Maths:

This term in Maths Mastery we will complete our two final units on *Statistics and Proportion problems*. In statistics the pupils will calculate and interpret mean as an average as well as constructing and interpreting line graphs and pie charts.

Proportion problems will involve the pupils using fractions to express proportion; identifying and calculating ratio and working with problems that involve unequal ratios.

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 only had 1 AR Millionaire in Primary 7 so far and it would be great to see a few more before the end of the year.

#### ICT:

Our focus for Term 3 is Presenting and Publishing. The children will use MS Word and Just2 Easy to create posters to advertise their business trade event as well as presenting their MQP memories. They will insert pictures, shapes and text boxes to enhance their work.

### **What else is happening this term?**

#### PE:

P.E. will take place on a Tuesday and the focus for this term will be badminton and athletics. 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.
- ❖ **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.**

#### Primary 7 Residential:

I would really love to see all the primary 7 pupils attending our residential to Gartan on May 22. If your child is having doubts about attending, can I please urge you to speak with me ASAP so as, together, we can take time to settle any nerves and come up with a plan that will ensure that your child does not miss out on this special adventure.