



Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 7

Term 3 2022-2023



The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)



Our theme for Term 3 is called '*Did You Know?*'. This topic is very much pupil led as the children take more ownership of their learning. The children will be asked to share an area of Geography, History and Science that they would like to know more about. Two weeks will be dedicated to the topics with most votes. Through *various Literacy, Numeracy, ICT, Art and PE activities*, the children will broaden their knowledge in an area of the World Around Us. The following areas have been selected:

- **Countries of the World** (Geography)
- **Greek Mythology** (History and Percy Jackson inspired)
- **Organs of the Human Body** (Science)

The children will also reflect on their time together in MQP, through story writing, poetry, song, dance and art. They will 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.

The Primary 7 pupils will mark their final year in MQP with a 1-night residential trip to the East Coast Adventure Centre in Rostrevor, (21st/22nd May).

More details of this trip will follow at the end of April.

This term in:

Maths: We continue to follow the Maths Mastery programme. This term the children will use different problem-solving tasks to study the nets of various **3D shapes**. Through Art, the *properties of the circle* will be explored as the children learn how to use a compass to create artwork inspired by Wassily Kandinsky. A second unit on Fractions will involve the children learning how to *multiply and divide fractions*. Units on Measure, namely *time and money* and Data Handling, where the children will *construct and interpret line graphs and pie charts*, will conclude the Primary 7 maths mastery programme and have the children in a confident position to tackle the Year 8 maths curriculum next year.

Literacy: This term 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 children across the country. Writing using paragraphs will be the focus for this activity.

Recount writing will also be explored as the children 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 about their target for this term and ensure that they are completing nightly reading in the form of their guided reading book or their AR book. We have had 3 AR Millionaires so far this year in P7. It would be great to see a few more before the end of June!

ICT: The focus for Term 3 will be *Presenting and Publishing*. Working in small groups of 3, the children will collaborate to produce a Google Slides presentation on a given country which they will then present to the class. The children will also be asked to use MSWord to produce a poster for a Travel Agency helping to attract tourists to a particular destination in the world.

What else is happening this term:

PE:

P.E. will take place on Mondays (swimming) and Tuesdays. This term for Primary 7. 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.
- ❖ **Literacy:** Monday and Tuesday nights.
- ❖ **Numeracy:** Wednesday and Thursday nights.
- ❖ **Maths Facts:** new area of learning given each week.

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.

Blended Learning: Ensure the children are accessing and using the online programs: Accelerated Reader, Mathletics and Google Classroom. Tasks will be assigned on a Monday for completion by the Friday of that week.

Matilda the Mini Musical: Lots of hard work is going on behind the scenes as the children prepare to bring their end of year production to the stage in June. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Leavers' Hoodies/Tops: The current status from MFC is **PACKING**, so the children will be receiving their Leavers' tops very soon. These tops can be worn to school instead of their school jumpers from delivery day until the end of June.

