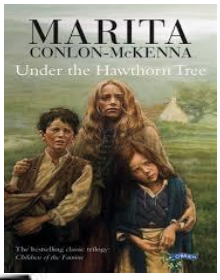
# Curriculum Newsletter

**Primary 7** **Term 1 2021**



## The World Around Us

**(Science, Geography and History)**

**Our theme this term is called *The Great Hunger*. The children will be researching Victorian times in Ireland, looking in particular at how the famine affected the lives of the Irish people. Pupils will find information relating to the workhouses, coffin ships, the role landlords played at the time of the famine and develop an awareness of world hunger and contributing factors.**

**The children will understand the role of relief in supporting countries affected by famine and consider how they themselves can make a difference.**

**The children are learning to identify the four provinces, 32 counties, main waterways and mountain ranges of Ireland.**

**We will learn about the parts of a potato plant and be able to identify the process of growing potatoes. The children will carry out a fair test investigating the conditions in which a potato grows best and how and why vegetables decompose.**

**This term in:**

**Maths:**

The children will be learning to read, write, order and compare numbers of any size including up to 3 decimal places. They will be rounding and adjusting numbers to the nearest 10,100,1000. We will be consolidating the children's knowledge of special numbers e.g. prime, square, triangular numbers.

Fractions, Decimals and Percentages will be covered this term.

In our topic maths we are looking at the names and properties of 2D and 3D shape and explore their relationship using practical materials

**Literacy:**

Our class novel for this term is Under the Hawthorn Tree which links to our topic.

The children will continue to develop their report writing skills through writing an autobiography and a report on the Famine.

**ICT:**

Our focus for Term 1 is Computational Thinking and Coding. The children will use the program Scratch to create a game linked with their topic The Great Famine.

**Wellbeing Wednesday**

The health and wellbeing of the children is a top priority in the school and we are delighted to welcome back the programme. This term we will be introducing a new mental health hero each week which will arm them with a SUPERPOWER to combat the NEGATRON (negative feelings).

**What else is happening this term?**

**PE:**

Please wear trainers to school on Tuesday and Friday for P.E. Could the children wear shorts underneath their trousers and skirts on these days.

**Homework:** The Children will complete two Maths and two English homeworks per week given on alternate nights. They will complete spellings, spelling activity and reading every night. Homeworks are to be brought in each day to be marked.

**Blended Learning:**

-Ensure the children are able to access the programme and are using the online Programs: Accelerated Reader, Mathletics and Google Classroom. Tasks will be assigned each week on a Monday and completed for a Thursday.

- There will be assigned Mathletics tasks from week to week. The children can earn points and are awarded certificates on Fridays for their effort and participation.

- Promote use of ICT programs such as Topmarks to help with rounding and adjusting and also to consolidate multiplication and division facts.

**Helping at Home:**

-Encourage the children to identify 2D and 3D shapes in our world.

- Encourage the children to read their AR books at home.

# Class Charter

We want our P7 class to be a welcoming, fair, positive and happy place.

**So we promise to...**

- Do our very best
- Follow instructions the first time
- Take care of each other
- Concentrate and listen to others
- Keep the classroom tidy and organised
- Respect other people's belongings
- Be kind and friendly
- Be persistent
- Respect ourselves and others
- Be confident in ourselves
- Be patient
- Eat and drink healthily
- Ask permission when borrowing something or leaving the room
- Keep safe by washing our hands regularly and staying in our class bubble
- Be happy and have fun!

# Playground Rules

**We promise to**

- Be kind to one another
- Look after the equipment
- Listen to adults on duty
- Help each other
- Line up quickly and quietly
- Use gentle hands and gentle words
- Play fair