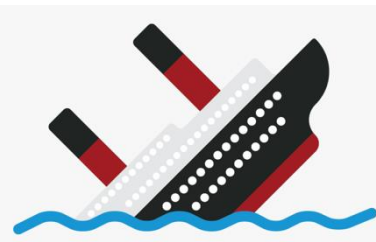




Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 7

Term 2 2022



The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)

Our theme for Term 2 is *The Titanic*. The children will be studying the Titanic in detail, looking at the building, journey and sinking of the ship and rescue of passengers that set sail on their voyage over 100 years ago.

The children will research information on the causes and mistakes that led to the tragic sinking of this majestic ship. Pupils will find information relating to the workers and passengers on board, including the contrasting experiences for people travelling in different classes.

The children will look at scientific aspects of the ship, such as how the ship was fuelled and will explore forces through pulley systems in practical STEM experiments.

The children will learn about the role of Belfast's Harland & Wolff shipyard in the building of the Titanic, and discuss the materials used for different parts of the ship.



This term in:

Maths:

This term the class will be looking at the relationship between multiplication and division, using strategies such as rounding, partitioning, doubling and halving.

In our topic maths we are looking at telling the time using digital, analogue, and 24-hour notation, international time zones and reading timetables. We will then be moving on to look at data handling where we will interpret and present information in pie charts, bar graphs and tables.

Literacy:

Our class novel for Term 2 is *The Spirit of the Titanic* which is a fictional narrative that links our topic.

The children will be developing their narrative writing skills through creative storytelling and will explore poetry as part of Children's Mental Health Week. They will also be practising report writing skills by completing a newspaper report on the events of the Titanic.

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.

Wellbeing Wednesday

The health and wellbeing of the pupils continues to be a focus for the school and a major part of this is keeping fit through regular exercise. This term, P7 will be taking part in after-school dance session with an MEActive instructor who will get everyone moving in a fun and energetic way!



What else is happening this term?

PE:

P.E. will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please wear trainers to school on these days, and shorts underneath trousers and skirts, if you wish.

Homework: The children will complete one Maths and one English homework strip per night, along with spellings, spelling activity and reading every night. Homeworks must be signed by an adult at home and brought in each day to be marked.

Blended Learning: Ensure the children are accessing and using the online Programs: Accelerated Reader, Mathletics and Google Classroom. Tasks will be assigned each week on a Monday and completed for a Thursday.

- In the first term the children earned lots of certificates for super effort and participation on Mathletics! Let's keep that up by completing the assigned tasks to earn points.

Helping at Home: Help children to work out durations of TV programmes based on start/end times, read timetables for buses, trains, etc and read clocks with Roman numerals.

- Encourage the children to read their AR books every night.

Religion: Confirmation will be a major focus for P7 this term. Much of our Grow in Love study will focus on learning about the Holy Spirit, the Saints and deepening our understanding of our faith. In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation on 30th March 2022, we will be practising hymns, readings and the parts of the Mass.

