



# P7 Newsletter

# Welcome back and Happy New Year

#### World Around Us

#### **Bridges**

- Use Google survey maps to locate bridges in the local and wider area.
- Discuss why bridges are in the places they are.
- Use maps to decide on the best place to put a new bridge in a town. Present reasons for and against this decision.
- Research the history of bridges in NI: The Foyle Bridge,
   The Peace Bridge and Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge.
- Research the history and key facts about famous bridges around the world. Complete a Fact File and present findings to the class.
- Learn of the different types of bridges and the role each bridge has to the community it serves.
- Carry out an investigation on forces and check which bridge can carry a certain weight.
- Complete various science experiments making bridges from different materials. Making predictions, tests and write-ups to accompany each experiment. Make paper bridges and bridges using junk art materials and food.
- Investigate different types of engineering and complete differences and similarities activity about structural and civil engineers.
- Design a bridge using junk art, use models to showcase a design.



#### Guided Reading

Tuesday and Thursday

#### Accelerated Reading

Your child will read for 30 minutes daily with the reading program, Accelerated Reading.

#### Whole Class Novel

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas (John Boyne)

#### Vocabulary & Spellings

- Consolidate their ability to spell common words.
- Learn the spelling and meanings of tricky words.
- Know and understand form in poetry e.g. kenning compared to a limerick.
- Be able to effectively use a dictionary/thesaurus.
- Complete weekly spelling test.
- Continue to proofread writing when finished to eradicate careless mistakes.
- Understand meanings and spellings of connectives.

#### Grammar

- Know the difference between abstract nouns and concrete nouns.
- Be able to identify collective nouns.
- Be able to identify different word classes such as conjunctions, prepositions, connectives, prefixes, suffixes and parts of speech.
- Understand adverbs of place, manner and time.

#### Writing

Narrative/Recount Writing Persuasive writing Comprehension activities Penpals Handwriting

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## Numeracy

#### We will be learning about

#### Number:

- Multiplying numbers by a single digit
- Multiplying numbers by 2/3 digits
- Solving problems using all 4 operations
- Times tables

#### Topic:

- Reading different weights using various scales
- Record weights using g and kg
- Round weights to the nearest tenth of a kg
- Select appropriate units of measurement for real life contexts
- Understand the tonne as a unit of measurement

#### ICT

- Logging in and out of computer.
- Word processing.
- Report writing presentation based on a bridge of their choice
- C2k Newsdesk
- Just 2 Easy Software
- Animation
- Accelerated Reading
- Education City
- Lexia
- Mathletics

#### **Christmas Crafts**

Primary 7 made a profit of £44.53 from the sale of their Christmas Logs. Thank you for your support.

The PTA AGM will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm

#### Reminders to Parents



Can you please ensure your child has the following supplies.

- 1. Pencils
- 2. Colouring pencils/markers
- 3. Scissors/Pritt Stick

Your child will need the following supplies for homework:

- 1. Pencils, colouring pencils/markers
- 2. Dictionary
- 3. Scissors/Pritt stick
- 4. Ruler

# Useful information

- Healthy break policy. Sandwiches, fruit, veg, yoghurts, cheese all acceptable.
- Bring a <u>water bottle</u> every day. Water is fuel for the brain
- P.E. gear needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (Swimming gear on Thursday)
- Spelling test every Friday.

#### Homework

Homework continues as per usual for Primary 7.

Each night Pupils will be required to complete

Mental Maths, Mental English, Spellings, Reading

and sometimes a consolidation activity to reinforce

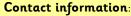
what has been taught in class that day.

#### Dates for your diary

- 19th Jan 2023 Cumman na mBunscol Camogie (Indoor)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2023 Road Safety Quiz
- 4th Feb 2023 Transfer Test results
- 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 Admissions Portal opens for post primary schools.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 Mr Shaw begins Teaching Practice
- 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 Safer Internet Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 Young Enterprise Stepping Stones.
- 21st Feb 2023 Transfer Test remark deadline
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023 Confirmation Practice
- 9<sup>th</sup> March Cumann na mBunscol Quiz
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023 Confirmation

## Religion

- Primary 7 will continue the Grow In Love Programme this year as well as daily prayer and the celebration of Feast Days.
- There will be a huge emphasis on Confirmation in the coming weeks with the children beginning their journey preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Discuss with your child the importance of Confirmation and what it means for them moving forward.



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