



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

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 18th January at 7pm

Useful information

- Healthy break policy. Sandwiches, fruit, veg, yoghurts, cheese all acceptable.
- Bring a water bottle 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)
- 2nd Feb 2023 – Road Safety Quiz
- 4th Feb 2023 - Transfer Test results
- 4th Feb 2023 – Admissions Portal opens for post primary schools.
- 6th Feb 2023 - Mr Shaw begins Teaching Practice
- 7th Feb 2023 - Safer Internet Day
- 7th Feb 2023 – Young Enterprise Stepping Stones.
- 21st Feb 2023 – Transfer Test remark deadline
- 8th Mar 2023 – Confirmation Practice
- 9th March - Cumann na mBunscol Quiz
- 10th Mar 2023 - Confirmation

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

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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