



## Primary 7



### September/October '21 Newsletter

Dear Parent,

To help foster our home/school links, each half term a Class Newsletter will let you know what the pupils will be learning in each area of the curriculum.

This is what we will be learning in September/October:

#### LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

This half term we will focus on:

- Comprehension
- Independent Writing- recount, poetry, summarising
- Revision of grammar, punctuation, tenses, standard English
- Dictionary use
- Proof-reading
- Develop a neat and legible joined handwriting style
- Accelerated Reading- achieving 85% success rate and reaching targets set.
- Linguistic Phonics – weekly Target Sound(phoneme) activities

#### NUMERACY AND MATHEMATICS

This half term we will focus on:

- Place Value – Numbers up to and including millions, rounding, decimals
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Problem solving
- Quick recall of all multiplication tables up to 12x12
- Mental Maths strategies and activities

#### Topic Work (World Around Us/The Arts)

The pupils will be learning about the world around us through the topic 'On the Shores of Lough Neagh'. The pupils will be planning, reviewing and doing independent and teacher led activities in relation to this topic; the history and geography of this locality will be investigated, as well as carrying out science experiments. There will be a few educational outings to compliment classroom teaching/learning.

#### PDMU

This half term the pupils will be reflecting on their progress, setting goals for improvement. We will be exploring the importance of democratic decision making and active participation, being able to express their own views and opinions. The class will complete the early stages of Junior Entrepreneur.

## PE

PE lessons will take place on a Monday (athletics) and a Friday (games).

## RELIGION

The pupils will be working through the Alive-07 programme. This half term links in with their PDMU and units covered from the programme include – A New School Year, The Call to be Prophetic, Hearing the Call, Jeremiah Hears the Call, Jesus and Prophecy and The Spirit of Prophecy.

Primary 7 will this year be participating in 'First Friday' class mass each month, availing of the streaming service from St Patrick's Church Ballinderry.

## HOMEWORK

Pupils should complete **reading, spellings and times tables every night** as well as other homework that has been set. Homework will be linked to work completed in class so the pupils can revise topics that are being covered.

**Please sign your child's Reading Record Book on a daily basis, Homework Diary weekly and Test Book weekly.**

## PREPARATION FOR TRANSFER TEST

Pupils who are preparing for the transfer test in January are completing Maths and English tests during class. Pupils who are not taking part in this programme have the opportunity for more individualised teaching, to give them a boost in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy.

Please inform me in writing whether you wish your child to continue with the preparation for transfer or avail of the boost in Literacy and Numeracy. Thank you

## GENERAL

The school will be closed: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Should you have any queries or concerns please contact the school.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours,

*Mr O'Neill*