

Primary 7a



Term 1 Newsletter



Welcome back to St Roch's everyone. This newsletter contains a summary of our learning and activities over Term 1.

The Curriculum – Teaching and Learning

Numeracy First – Second Level

This term your child will be learning how to develop the following numeracy skills:

- Place value to millions (7 digit)
- Percentages of whole numbers
- Time including following timetables
- Problem solving strategies to apply key learning
- Please continue to revise times tables at home

In all numeracy activities we will be looking at where you would apply the skills taught in real life and how to break down the questions to identify key mathematical language.

During Maths Week (26th September) learners will have talks from different role models who work in mathematical fields.

Literacy- Second Level

We will be focusing on fiction texts this term and completing a wide number of comprehension activities to ensure we can skim and scan, explain and answer different styles and types of questions effectively. In every activity we will apply our before, during and after reading strategies.

We will be participating in the First Ministers Reading Challenge where the children will be encouraged to complete their own reading journals and record their own experiences of novel studies and personal reading choices both at home and in class.

Learners will be encouraged to read aloud and work in groups to complete presentations in class. Each learner will have their own notebook to take notes throughout their learning.

Please continue to encourage your children to read at home and borrow books from the class library.

During Poetry Week will be completing a unit on courage and empowerment linked to Black Awareness Month.

All of our writing activities will be linked to specific targets for the genres taught with neat presentation and correct punctuation expected throughout.

Social Subjects- Second Level

This terms topics are:

- This is Me (I am Unique)
- Confirmation Preparation
- Glasgow's Street Art

Expressive Arts- Second Level

Our school choir will be working with Primary 7 to prepare the hymns for the Sacrament of Confirmation and we will all be learning *This is Our Faith* as part of our RE.

In drama we will be learning about using mime, voice and gesture to perform in a given role.

In art our focus is famous street artists and their techniques e.g. Banksy.

Health- Second Level

The children have gym on a Monday covering hand eye co-ordination and team building activities.

Learners will be taking on more responsibility within the school and volunteering as buddies for the new Primary One pupils and as wet play monitors for the younger classes. They will be expected to be a shining example for the infant children.

Learners will be participating in a series of workshops with SOS (Sense over Sectarianism) learning about how to tackle prejudice, bigotry and discrimination. In addition, we will be completing the FRIENDS programme to build resilience and understand friendship relationships.

We have written our class charter together based on the SHANARRI Principals and our school's FAITH Values:

- We will keep ourselves and others safe
- We will keep our bodies healthy
- We will take on responsible roles
- We will include others at all times
- We will keep our minds active
- We will respect the opinions of others
- We will achieve our goals
- We will nurture each other

RE

Learners will be continuing their preparation for the Pope Francis' Faith Award recording own successes in individual journals that will be judged in May.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Archbishop Nolan jointly with St Philomena's Primary 7. This will take place on 27th October in St Philomena's Parish. More information will be sent out regarding this.

Technologies

As a class learners will be creating a Digital Charter focusing on expected behaviours when using digital hardware, software and apps. Primary 7 iPads will be deployed in line with the Education Departments guidance on timelines.

Science

We will be studying

- Sensory organs- focusing on skin
- Inheritance

Homework

Thank you for your support and assistance with your child's homework. Please ensure that your child practises their spelling words each night.

The children each have individual homework diaries, please check these each night and sign them for a Friday morning.

Homework will be issued every Monday for the week and collected on a Friday morning. Please only sign once all homework is completed.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Gardiner

P7 Meet the Teacher

Please come along to your child's classroom on Wednesday 21st September 1.30pm-2.30pm to see their learning environment and a sample of what your child is learning.