

# Primary 5 Newsletter Term 4



#### Literacy

This term, children will continue to develop their use of connectives, adverbial phrases and figurative language in their writing. In reading, children will focus on skills that help them understand and interpret written information better. Through our topic research, they will identify and explain the difference between fact and opinion and assess how believable sources are. We will also continue to develop our listening and talking skills working in groups.

#### Numeracy

Children will begin by applying their knowledge of number facts to solve simple algebraic equations where unknown values are represented by letters. They will then explore the patterns and relationships in multiplication and division in order to spot and continue simple patterns. We will also revise reading and recording time in both 12hr and 24hr notation and converting between the two, and apply this knowledge to interpret timetables and calculate duration.

# IDL – RMS Titanic

This term, children will work alongside Primary 7 in a range of curricular areas to learn about the Titanic disaster, culminating in an exciting trip to the Titanic Experience in Belfast on 29<sup>th</sup> May!

Our topic work will focus on why the building of the Titanic was such a momentous occasion and who was involved in its creation. We will explore the design of the Titanic, inside and out, as well as discover who the passengers were and what life was like for them on board. Finally, we will find out why the Titanic sank and how that fateful night could have been different.

# Science & Technologies

Linking in with our RMS Titanic topic, children will take part in experiments to assess and record the buoyancy of various objects.

They will also undertake a STEM task to design and build a shoebox diorama of a room on board the Titanic.

#### **Religious Education**

Children will learn about the role of Mary in the life of Jesus through the Joyful Mysteries. We will also celebrate the feast of the Ascension and learn about the importance of Pentecost.

# Health & Wellbeing

Our focus for this term will be to develop a range of strategies to help improve mental wellbeing including mindfulness & other relaxation techniques. Gym days will continue to be Tuesday & Wednesday. The focus for this term will be athletics and preparation for Sports Day. Please ensure children have appropriate clothing to change into on gym days.

# **Expressive Arts**

Children will continue to work with Mrs Corkindale to express and communicate there ideas, thoughts and feelings through activities within art and design. Central to this will be creating a piece of art on canvas to be displayed at 'The Way We See It' exhibition' in St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church Hall, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.