

Literacy: Key Focus /Skills

Reading:

Pupils will read and discuss novels. These will be graded to suit reading levels. Novels for this term will include: The Enchanted Horse, Holes, Storm Clouds, The Witches and Wild At Heart. The whole class novel will be Under the Hawthorn Tree. Pupils will be encouraged to extend their range of reading and develop their own preferences. They complete book reviews and tasks on novels read

Grammar:

Pupils will focus on : writing complex sentences, proper use of paragraphs, punctuating direct speech and indirect speech, use of apostrophes for ownership and contractions.

Comprehension:

Pupils will be encouraged to read and understand different types of text from both fact and fiction ; historical accounts, factual reports, poetry, cross-curricular topic work, biographies.

Writing—Fiction and Non Fiction

Writing an explanation

Writing a recount

Writing a book review on a fictional story

Writing a range of poems.

Handwriting : Pupils will focus on developing a legible and swift style of joined writing, presenting good layout and evaluating and improving style.

ICT Skills

Use ICT to enhance, support and extend learning. Share and exchange work, exhibit and showcase learning and complete ICT tasks. Year 7 will complete a spreadsheet task based on their Victorian Ireland theme. They will use Makecode and Make-Code Arcade and MicroBits for coding and programming.

They will also work with Adobe Express as part of their Shared Education project. They will work collaboratively and use generative AI.

RELIGION

Develop a better understanding of their faith in preparation for Confirmation. They will explore the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit, research their Confirmation saint and learn about the sacraments.

Homework

A weekly Homework Plan is posted on the P7 Team on MS Teams It outlines the homework tasks for the week ahead. The weekly Spelling List will also be posted in the Team.

Reading Record to be maintained three times /week, with parental contribution.

Spellings Mon to Thurs for dictation on Friday.

Revision of Numeracy on Thursday for assessment on Friday.

Literacy & Numeracy homework four nights/week.

Themes

All themes are cross curricular to enable pupils to connect their learning.

Victorian Ireland— Explores life in the Victorian Era. Learning about school life, life in towns and in the countryside. They will also explore in more detail the Famine and its consequences.

SHARED EDUCATION

Year 7 will complete Science workshops with Moneymore PS. - Bridges - Machines - Renewable Technology. They will also complete orienteering and ICT tasks.

Numeracy:Key Focus /Skills

Mental Maths: Quick recall of number, multiplication and division facts. This will be assessed weekly.

Number: Count, read, write and order numbers to 1,000, 000 and beyond. Use and understand cube numbers- link with volume. Explore magic squares. Know and use multiplication facts to 12x 12 in solving problems. Continue to explore number properties—factors, multiples, primes, triangular numbers, etc.

Money: Use the four operations to solve problems up to £1000. Calculator work. Explore the need to budget and save for large purchases. Become familiar with cheques, credit cards, etc.

Measure: Calculate the volumes of cubes and cuboids. Interpret timetables. Measure and compare volumes and capacities of containers. Use scale in maps and diagrams and draw to scale.

Shape & Space: Develop language associated with angles. Estimate and measure angles using protractors. Explore tessellation and rotational symmetry. Revise the properties of 2D shapes and nets of 3D shapes. Calculate the surface area of various 3D shapes.

Data Handling: Use the language of probability. Calculate mean, median and mode. Create databases. Interpret a range of tables.

Problem Solving/Investigations: The children will work on developing a range of strategies for problem solving. The problems and investigations will be based on their mathematical knowledge.

Key Events / Dates

Mid Term Break: Mon 9th Feb -School Closed. Mon 16th Feb—School Re-opens.

Confirmation: Saturday 28th February at 12 noon.

St Patrick's Break: Tues 17th March-School Closed

Lough Derg Retreat: Fri 27th March

Easter Break: Wed 1st April—School Closes (half day) Mon 13th April—School Re-

St Mary's Primary School



Parent Information Sheet
Term 1 January 2026—Easter 2026



GB Primary 7

Home /School Communication

What should I do if my child is having a problem?

Contact class teacher by note /phone/Seesaw. Contact School / Principal

Parents can maintain contact with the teacher through Seesaw or arrange an appointment through the office staff.

How Parent /Guardian Can Help.

Be Positive and encourage your child by showing an interest in their work. Praise always helps, at any age. Listen to your child reading aloud-talk about the story and meanings of any difficult words phrases etc. sign and comment in the Reading Record. Practice mental maths skills with pupils at all opportunities - E.g. Tables games, fast recall of number facts, rounding prices when shopping, calculating totals and change. Help pupils to research topics through search engines. reference books, visiting the Library and sharing personal experiences. Pray with your child and take them to Mass in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.