

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: Storm Clouds, Carrie's War, Holes, Wild At Heart, The Witches, Midnight for Charlie Bone and A Dark and Stormy Night.

The class novel will be Skellig by David Almond. Pupils will be encouraged to extend their range of reading and develop their own preferences.

Grammar and Punctuation: Pupils will focus on: punctuating complex sentences, changing nouns to pronouns, extending sentences by adding adjectives and adverbs, punctuating their creative writing compositions correctly.

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, mystery stories.

Writing: Fiction and Non-Fiction. Writing a report on the Moon landings. Writing a recount for different audiences and purposes. Writing a range of poems.

Handwriting: Pupils will complete a variety of handwriting activities and presentation exercises, evaluating and reviewing their handwriting.

PDMU: 360 Skills for Life

1. Every Second Counts – What to do in an emergency. How to predict, assess and manage risk in a variety of situations.
2. Be Kind Online -Online safety. Explore ways to be safer online, as well as managing requests for personal information or images of yourself or a friend.
3. Street Smart – personal safety. How to stay safer when out and about.
4. Switch Your Settings – Mental and physical wellbeing. Explore how regular exercise benefits mental and physical health. Recognise opportunities to be physically active to support your mental wellbeing.
5. Cool or Fool – Drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Explore how to identify who or what may influence your opinions or decisions and look at the situations where you may be positively or negatively influenced.
6. Worry Whispers – Family and Friends. Safety and wellbeing. Explore the importance of friendships and how positive friendships can help support everyone's wellbeing.

Homework:

Homework Plan will be shared on Teams and Seesaw.

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

Spellings Mon to Thurs for assessments on Fri.

Tables/maths facts revised for assessments on Fri.

Literacy & Numeracy homework four times / week.

Theme:

All Topics are cross curricular to enable pupils to connect their learning. The theme for Term 3 is Space. Children will explore our place in the solar system and investigate and learn about the planets, the Sun and the Moon. They will also explore the history of space travel and exploration. This theme will allow Year 7 to plan and carry out a range of interesting experiments and science investigations. **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Renewable Energy: The children will explore wind energy/wind turbines. They will design and build solar powered desk fans.

St Mary's Primary School



Parent Information Sheet Term 3 P7 GB



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 the homework diary/Seesaw or arrange an appointment through the office staff. All queries will be responded to promptly.

UIC:

Use ICT to enhance, support and extend learning. Share and exchange work, exhibit and showcase learning and complete ICT tasks. Year 7 will complete short animations based on Space. They will use the iMovie app.

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.

Numeracy: Key Focus/Skills:

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

Number - Understand, interpret and use decimal point in numbers to 2DP. Add, subtract, divide and multiply involving numbers with decimal point. Multiply numbers by double digit numbers (long multiplication). Divide by double digit numbers (long division/division by factors). Revise dividing and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. Apply knowledge of division and multiplying to problems. Explore number machines and complete input and output. Use simple percentages. Link knowledge of fractions and decimals to percentages.

Money - Estimate and calculate percentage increase and decrease in price.

Measure - Explore and use Imperial units of measurement. Investigate 'best value' problems. Calculate the area and perimeter of composite shapes.

Shape & Space - Drawing 2D shapes by plotting and joining coordinates. Investigate 8 points of the compass and turning. Know associated language.

Data Handling - Use the language of probability. Calculate probability and link to fractions, percentages and decimal fractions. Plot and interpret line graphs and trend graphs.

Religion: Theme 7 Lesson 2: My Lord and My God

Understand Gospel accounts of the resurrection. Grow in awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Theme 7 Lesson 3: Jesus' Work Continues Today
Identify the Holy Spirit as the helper sent by God. Reflect on the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Theme 10 Lesson 1: On the Road to Emmaus
Recall what happened at the last supper.

Understand that the risen Jesus is with us.

Theme 10 Lesson 2: The Table of the Lord
Identify main parts of mass.

Desire to participate fully in the Mass.

Key Dates:

Monday 5th May—SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 26th May - SCHOOL CLOSED (Staff Training)

Monday 30th June - School closes for Summer Holidays (Half day)