



## Prep 7 Class Newsletter February-March 2017

Dear Parents,

This overview will give you an insight into the learning which will be taking place in Prep 7 until the Easter holidays.

Miss McQuillan, a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student from Stranmillis University College, will be joining the girls from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February for four weeks. She will be teaching every day and carrying out classroom duties. Miss McQuillan and I will work closely together and she will follow our planning for this half-term to ensure all topics are covered.

### Communication

Our spelling focus will be on:

Book F

- Sh,ti,si,ssi,ci (Unit 14)
- Ious/ous (Unit 16)
- Se,ce,o (Unit 17)
- Spring/Easter (Unit 13)
- Summer words (Unit 18)
- Revision week of trickiest sounds

Book G

- Y,e,ee,I,ie,ei,is (Unit 11)
- Silent letters (Unit 12)
- A\_e, e\_e, i\_e, o\_e, U-e (Unit 14)
- gue, gu, gh (Unit 15)
- Eponyms (Unit 17)
- Spring/Easter (Unit 13)

### Grammar:

- Figures of speech -colloquialisms, jargon and hyperbole
- Hyphens, dashes and ellipsis

### The Big Write

**Recount** - A diary entry for the last day/hours on board the Titanic

**Explanation Text** - An explanation text about icebergs

**Persuasion** - Harland and Wolff Advertisement

**Poetry** - Spring Personification Poems

### Using Mathematics

Our Numeracy work will focus on revision and consolidation of the following topics:

### Data Handling

We will be learning how -

- To collect, classify, record and present data drawn from a range of meaningful situations, using graphs, tables, diagrams and ICT software.
- To explain work orally and/or through writing and drawing conclusions.
- To interpret a wide range of tables, lists, graphs and diagrams; create and interpret frequency tables, including those for grouped data.
- To design and use a data collection sheet; interpret the results; enter information in a database or spreadsheet and interrogate and interpret the results.
- To understand, calculate and use the mean and range of a set of discrete data.

### The World Around Us Topic -Titanic

#### **Science and Technology Focus**

- We will be planning and conducting a range of fair test investigations linked to floating and sinking.

### The Arts

- **Music with Mrs Murray:** In Music, we will be rehearsing songs and dance routines in preparation for our whole school production of Mary Poppins
- **Art with Mrs Thompson** In Art, we will be creating art linked to our performance of Mary Poppins
- **Drama with Mrs Murray/Mrs Stevenson:** In Drama, we will be rehearsing for our whole school production of Mary Poppins.
- **Drama with Mrs Clarke:** Pupils will be working towards their dramatic performance by rehearsing during lessons. We will focus on character development and the staging of the production.

#### Latin with Mrs Stevenson

- We will be learning about the relationship between Romans and Britons and about travel and cities in Roman times.
- We will also revise Latin adjectives, verbs and nouns and introduce adverbs.

#### French with Mrs Burnett

Complete topic "Que la fete commence" and self assess progress.

New topic: Bon appetit

- Key language for members of the family and hobbies
- Recognise and say 6 activities in French
- Recognise words in the story, song and poem
- Join in with the story, song and poem

#### RE with Mrs Glover

- This half-term, we will complete our look at the temptations of Jesus and how we ourselves might be tempted. We will then move on to the Easter story, focussing on Peter's Denial of Jesus, Jesus' arrest and trial followed by the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

#### PDMU with Miss McErlane

- In PDMU the girls will develop their skills of decision making. They will have the opportunity to practise making informed and responsible decisions based on a variety of hypothetical scenarios, in the house, at school or in our local community.

#### PE with Mrs Henderson

- We will be creating dance compositions.
- We will be doing gymnastic routines and evaluating our performances.

#### Using ICT

- We will be using Excel to budget and plan for our class trip to York.

#### Spanish with Senorita Gomez

- Learning about Carnival costumes and traditions
- Revising the days of the week
- Identifying the names of some sports
- Recalling other leisure activities
- Creating a timetable for your free time

#### Prep Production - Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th April at 7pm

We are very much looking forward to the Prep 7 production of 'Mary Poppins'. On the evenings of the production we will be reserving seats at the front of hall for Prep 7 parents. This will be limited to **two seats per family per night**. Tickets should be purchased using the booking sheet which will be sent home and also attached to the March newsletter.

Pupils should arrive in school to the Prep 7 classroom by **6.15pm** on the evening of the performances.

We hope you enjoy the show!

**Dates for your diary...**

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Feb-Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March** - Book fair in Prep Hall from 8am-8.30am & 2pm-2.30pm

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - World Book Day

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm prompt** - P3, P4 & P5 Swimming Gala in the PEC, pupils will be dismissed from school at 4pm

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 2pm prompt** - P6 & P7 Swimming Gala in the PEC, pupils will be dismissed from school at 4pm

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm** - York Meeting in P7 classroom

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March** - Exceptional Closure

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March** - Exceptional Closure - Staff Training Day

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** - Red Nose Day - non uniform day

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April** - Mary Poppins Concessionary Performance at 1pm

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - Early Close at 1pm. Mary Poppins performance at 7pm

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April** - Early Close at 1pm. Mary Poppins performance at 7pm

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April** - Finish for Easter holidays at **11.45am** - After Hours not available

**School reopens Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April from 8 am onwards**

Thank you for your continuing support.

*Mrs Stevenson*