



Prep 7 Class Newsletter January/February 2018

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope both you and the girls have had a lovely Christmas break and are ready for an exciting 2018 in Prep 7.

Communication

Our main spelling focus will be on:

Book F

- Long vowels (Unit 5)
- oo,ew,ou,ue,ui (Unit 6)
- ine,ice,ise,ite,ive (Unit 9)
- ue,ew,iew,eau,eue (Unit 10)
- Silent letters (Unit 11)
- al, wel, til, ful (Unit 12)

Grammar

- Words and their meanings - word origins, acronyms, idioms
- Punctuation: colons, semicolons,

Reading Comprehension

- We will begin to study the novel 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. This novel is set in the second half of the 19th Century and tells the story of Jim Jarvis, a real life character whose plight inspired Dr. Barnardo to set up children's homes. We will complete various novel based activities linked to the story.

The Big Write

Recount

- A diary entry for a day onboard the Titanic.

Non-chronological Report

- A report on the building of the Titanic

Persuasion

- Who was to blame for the sinking of the Titanic?

Poetry

- Free verse personification poem

Using Mathematics

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

Angles

- To consolidate our understanding of acute, obtuse and reflex angles.
- To use a protractor to measure internal and external angles.
- To calculate missing angles.
- To make sensible estimates about angle sizes.

Symmetry

- To consolidate our understanding of rotational symmetry
- To learn how to reflect shapes within 4 quadrants.

2D Shape

- To learn about congruence and tessellation in 2D shapes.

The World Around Us

Topic - Titanic

History

- The history of Harland and Wolff and White Star Line and the development of the great ocean liners.
- The different roles of the shipyard workers.
- The different class systems onboard the Titanic.
- How light and sound were used to communicate safety and danger on board the Titanic (Morse Code and signalling flags).
- A timeline of the events leading up to the sinking.
- On Thursday 18th January we will be visiting the Titanic Centre and SS Nomadic

The Arts

- Music with Mrs Murray - In Music we will be exploring music and moods and creating sound sequences for our Titanic projects. We will be learning about the concept of ostinato through song accompaniments.
- Art with Mrs Reece - In Art we will be creating Titanic maritime posters using Pointillism, exploring the fashion of the Titanic era and creating Morse code flags.
- Drama with Mrs Herriot - In Drama we will be starting the audition and rehearsal process for our whole school production.

PE with Mrs Henderson

Cross Country Running

- The girls will develop cross country and endurance running to understand pacing at various distances and on varying terrains. Girls will complete a bleep test.

Gymnastics

- Development of gymnastic skills to perform increasingly refined movements and agilities on floor and large apparatus. Development of vaulting techniques.

Swimming

- Gala race selection and preparation. Revision of 'starts' and 'finishes' in 25m sprints. Relay preparation.

French with Mrs Burnett

New topic- 'Que la Fete Commence'

- Months of the year
- Birthday dates learn how to say the date and date of your birthday
- Festivals and Celebrations
- Watch and understand a video of a French festival
- Discuss similar festivals in own country

Spanish with Senorita Gomez

- Asking about each other's health and wellbeing
- Using expressions to talk about aches and pains
- Replicating and modifying a dialogue
- Referring to other ailments
- Looking for words in a bilingual dictionary
- Talking about healthy habits
- Talking about popular Carnival costumes

RE with Mrs Glover

- This half-term we will have the opportunity to learn that John the Baptist came as a messenger to prepare the way for Jesus. We will also investigate the events surrounding the temptations of Jesus.

PDMU with Miss McErlane

- To explore and learn about cyber bullying and e-safety

Latin with Mrs Stevenson

- Learning about verbs and verb endings.
- Developing vocabulary, especially verbs and adverbs
- Looking at Latin roots to English words and how words are linked together through their roots.
- Learning about the Roman Empire, in particular school life and the use of slaves
- Reading Roman Myths: Pandora's Box, Echo and Narcissus

Using ICT

- We will be using the 'Book Creator' App to create an e-book all about the Titanic

Dates for your diary...

Day Care Open Day - Saturday 6th January, 10am - 12 noon. P7 required as tour guides

VCB Senior School Open Day - Saturday 13th January

Class visit to NI Waterbus - Wednesday 17th January

Titanic Centre Visit - Thursday 18th January

Parent Forum - Wednesday 24th January at 6pm, in P7 classroom

Transfer Results - Saturday 27th January

Transfer Interviews with Ms Slevin - Monday 29th January

STEM Week - Monday 5th February - Thursday 8th February

Friends of Prep Valentine's Event - Friday 9th February (further details to follow)

Half-term break - Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February (inclusive)

School re-opens Monday 19th February

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs Herriot