



Welcome to Class 7 Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year, and the children have settled into Class 7 extremely well. They are quickly becoming familiar with the expectations and routines of KS2, and we are very proud of their positive attitudes. Class 7 will be an exciting and busy year, filled with wonderful opportunities for learning, growth and developing independence. We want to support you and your child throughout the year.

Our newsletters will keep you informed about our learning, activities and experiences. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to ask.

Best wishes,

Miss Hobson & Miss Oliver

Maths

This term, we are focusing on place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Times-tables and mental arithmetic will be practised daily in lessons to improve our rapid recall skills.

In Year 3, children should be fluent in 2, 5 and 10 times-tables (as taught in Year 2). In addition, throughout year 3 we will learn and practise 3s, 4s and 8s.

Knowing times-tables fluently will make all aspects of maths that little bit easier.

Times-table tests will be completed on a Friday. Please support your child in learning these number facts. TT Rockstars is brilliant to have fun whilst learning times-tables.

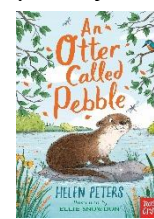
(You will find log-in details at the back of your child's reading record.)



English

This term, we will share a range of exciting class novels. We will begin with *The Iron Man*, reading it together as a class, before moving on to *The Otter Called Pebble*. Through shared reading, we will develop comprehension skills and deepen our understanding of characters, vocabulary and different texts.

Our first writing unit will be a diary entry inspired by *Romans on the Rampage*. We will explore diary features and practise writing in role, using descriptive language, first person and varied sentence structures. Grammar and punctuation will be practised throughout our English lessons, while we continue to encourage children to speak clearly, confidently and in full sentences.



RE

We are very excited to begin a new scheme for our RE. Our first topic this term is 'Creation and Covenant'. In this topic, we will look at how God wants us to love and respect our family. We will also take some time to look at Baptism and think about what happens when someone is baptised in church.

We also take time to think about other religions and this term we will look at Judaism in which we will learn about Shabbat in a Jewish Family.

During Advent/Christmas, we will focus on Advent as a time of waiting and preparing. Children will take an active role in leading and planning worship and will be exploring a variety of prayer experiences.

Please keep a look-out for Stay & Pray and Class mass dates.



History, Geography, Science

We will be learning all about the Romans in Britain this term. Where did they come from? Why did they come to England? How did they live? How can we find out more about them? In Geography, we will use maps and atlases to locate different places in Europe and explore the effect the Romans had on Britain!

In Science, we will learn about Animals Including Humans. We will study skeletons, body parts, organs and how to keep our body healthy. We will then learn about Light. How shadows are formed, how light travels and how we can see!



Handwriting and Spelling

In Year 3, it's important that children develop accurate letter formation and a consistent joined-up, legible and fluent handwriting style. Therefore, we will have 2 dedicated sessions a week following the Letter Join scheme. If you'd like practise sheets, please ask. We will also have 3 sessions of Ready, Steady, Spell, which will help us to learn different spelling rules and become confident spellers. You'll see the words we practise in our weekly spelling homework.

Art, Music, DT, Computing

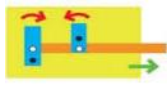
Art will be based on the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and the Flanders Field theme during the month of November to remember the fallen soldiers. Children will create their own clay poppies to create a collage inspired by the Weeping Window.

In Music the children will be listening to a range of musical genres, learn key notes and continue to play the Glockenspiel whilst learning to read music. They will become more confident in expressing their opinion about music.

In DT children will be learning how to use mechanisms to make a Roman themed pop-up book for the younger children. We look forward to sharing our work during exhibition days!

In computing, alongside children developing their computing skills navigating their way around the Chromebooks, iPads, Reading Plus, we will be learning about keeping safe on the internet! We will also learn about programming, and lots more throughout the year.

Please encourage safe internet use at home and good and legal use of social networks.



PE

Our PE lesson with Mr. Snaith is on **Thursdays**. Please remember to have PE Kits at school.

PE kit consists of a white T-shirt, black shorts and trainers. As the weather gets colder, a black jacket/jogging bottoms are also permitted.

The children will learn the rules of tag rugby, develop their athletic skills, and their ball and stick skills including passing backwards and scoring in hockey.



French

Bonjour! In French we will be learning to say basic greetings such as hello and goodbye, and numbers 1-10. We will also be learning how to say our names and say how we feel.

We will learn about different animals, practice French phonics and work on our pronunciation. Our sounds are ch (sh), ou (oo), oi (wa) and on (o).



Homework

We appreciate your continued support with homework. The tasks we set are designed to consolidate the children's learning in class. If your child is struggling, please speak to us.

Reading is very important! Please listen to your child read **each night**. Ask them questions and encourage them to talk about what they've learned from the book. Write a comment/sign their reading record to let us know how they're getting on. Children can also read on Reading Plus! Write this in their record if they do. 😊

Spellings and Times Tables will be sent home each Friday. Spellings are words we have studied in spelling sessions. Times tables should be practised x3 like spellings. Please support and encourage your child in completing their homework. Homework books should be returned on **Thursdays** ready for new homework on Friday.

We don't want anyone worrying about their work, please speak to us if needed.

Important Dates and Reminders

Class Mass: Friday 25th September, 10am at St. Patrick's Church

PD Day: Friday 9th October - no children in school

Stay and Pray: Tuesday 20th October - 9.10am

Welcome Mass: Friday 23rd October, 10am at St. Patrick's Church

Half Term: 24th October - 1st November (Children return Monday 2nd November)

PD Day: Friday 27th November - no children in school

End of Term: 19th December - 4th January (PD Day Monday 4th January - no children in school)

Children return after Christmas Tuesday 5th January 2027

Please ensure you have signed consents on Arbor and have returned any letters sent out. Thank you.