

ENNISKILLEN MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Date: Term 3 2024/2025

Primary: Seven

Key areas of the curriculum to be covered this term:-

Literacy

Topic: 'New beginnings'

Reading

Pupils continue to read novels of choice from the school library / P7 store/ own material.

Grammar – Clauses, connectives, extending punctuation and word puzzles, colons/semi-colons, phrases and clauses.

Comprehension – Comprehension activities from ON TARGET (Longman) Comprehension and linked to PDMU and WAU topics of 'Titanic' and 'New Beginnings.' Classic Fiction texts, Comparing/contrasting poetry.

Writing – Writing letter of persuasion, narrative – creating a suspense story.

Talking and Listening - Presenting written and spoken arguments and writing in a discursive style. Debating.

Spellings – Complete spelling programme and associated written activities (until mid May). Followed by spelling activities/word puzzles.

Numeracy:

- *Basic Algebra*
- *Mental subtraction of 3- and 4-digit numbers*
- *Shape (2D and 3D), circle patterns, tessellation, direction*
- *Perimeter, area and volume*
- *Measures – revision of litres, kilograms and kilometres*
- *Applying mathematical concepts to problems and puzzles*

Topics to be covered in The World Around Us and Personal Development and Mutual Understanding areas of study

- A. 'New Beginnings' – studying various aspects of post primary schools' organisation incorporating the 'It's Your Move' resource using discussion activities to help prepare for the move to post primary school. This will involve the children working through a booklet to cover areas they will encounter in their next school – timetabling, self-organisation, school rules etc. It is hoped to enhance this programme with workshops, facilitated by external providers (tbc).
- B. Healthy Living – (including drugs and alcohol awareness)
- C. 'Preparing for Change' talks provided by school-based facilitators. Below is an extract from our Relationships and Sexuality policy:

*RSE will be delivered in a holistic, cross curricular way, ensuring that teaching is always appropriate to the maturity and understanding of the pupils. Teachers will be alert to the personal and emotional circumstances of the pupils. The content of these sessions promotes healthy relationships. RSE will include the physical and emotional changes that occur at puberty but will not include sex education. The delivery of the RSE programme will be co-educational, however, in certain circumstances it may be appropriate to speak to the pupils in single sex groups (P6 and P7). Therefore, during the third term in P7 boys and girls will be spoken to separately about the changes that occur at puberty. **PLEASE LET THE CLASS TEACHER KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF YOU WOULD RATHER YOUR CHILD OPTED OUT OF THESE SESSIONS.***

P.E. –Please remember kits. All jewellery (including earrings) must be removed before taking part in lessons. **Leggings under shorts are no longer required.** P7R – Tuesday and Wednesday; P7W – Monday and Friday

Homework - Pupils will continue to learn spellings until mid-May. Pupils will work on a **weekly homework** project task for most of this term. This

homework must be brought in when due and **signed** (or via Google Classroom). The work should be completed using internet/ newspapers/ local library and other sources of information and presented using pen/word processing using colour and illustrations to enhance the research. We are keen that children prepare for post primary school in this regard (i.e. taking responsibility for meeting deadlines by themselves).

Pupils are encouraged to read as widely as possible, accessing material of interest from the school library and classroom.

School dinners cost £13.00 per week (please pay via the school app before the start of a new week).

Break – School following healthy break programme – **no crisps of any type, sweets, sweet cereal bars, chocolates etc.** to be brought to school. Pupils encouraged to buy healthy break from school on Fridays.

Mobile Phones – please note that mobile phones **are not** to be brought to school. Written explanation must be submitted if there are exceptional reasons for bringing one to school – in which case the phone will be kept in the school office/with the class teacher until home time.

Events/Trips:-

- P7 group photographs – Tuesday, 29th April (as advised)
- Post primary school notifications – Saturday, 10th May (see separate guidance)
- FIND Centre (Transitions) – Tuesday, 13th & Wednesday, 14th May
- Trip to Chester/Manchester – Monday, 19th to Friday, 23rd May - meeting for parents and pupils – **Tuesday, 6th May at 7.00 p.m.** (see separate guidance)
- Sports Day – Friday, 30th May at 1.30p.m. (weather permitting)
- Leavers' Assembly – Thursday, 19th June at 6.30p.m. (details to follow).
- Monday, 23rd June – school-based Transitions workshop
- Tuesday, 24th June – P7 Post Primary Transition Day & P.T.A. Fun Night
- Thursday, 26th June – Tom Sweeney Concert