



# Mr McQuade / Mr Logan

## Primary 7

### Term 1 Newsletter



## What we are learning about:

### Numeracy and Maths

This term we have been focussing on:

- Addition and subtraction strategies, including bridging/carrying (going over and under 10/100/1000). We have also explored rounding decimals to the nearest whole number, including tenths, hundredths and thousandths.
- Multiplication and division strategies, using concrete and visual resources to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000.
- Recognising and ordering numbers up to 1 million.
- Simplifying fractions and identifying probability through fraction work.

Counting routines in class have focussed on practice of the times tables, as a means of improving pupil number sense and confidence. We have been exploring how some tables are linked to each other (2, 4 and 8/5 and 10) and the importance of the 'commutative law'.

### Literacy

**Reading:** We are learning comprehension, prediction, clarification and summarising skills, revising Reciprocal Reading strategies. As always, at least ten minutes of reading every night at home will help build vocabulary and improve pupil fluency - any text type is suitable if it is interesting!

**Writing:** This term, we have been learning how to write effective descriptions, with a particular focus on character descriptions. Pupils have completed their own independent pieces of writing following class teaching and have identified individual targets to help them improve.

**Talking and Listening:** This term we will focus on developing our close listening skills, responding to verbal cues before moving on to explore 'SoloTalk'.

## Health and Wellbeing

We are working through our SHANARRI (Safe, Healthy, Active, Nurtured, Achieving, Responsible, Respected and Included) topic, investigating the indicators and relating them to our own lives. We are also building a 'Connected Classroom', identifying our classroom ethos and following the principles of compassion and togetherness.

## Religious Education

This term, we have investigated religious orders, from the time of the middle ages to the present day; we will study the history and significance of Mary and the Rosary, especially during the month of October and have been looking at ways that we can show kindness and compassion like Jesus in our daily lives.



**Things to remember: PE** — Our PE days are Monday and Tuesday. Pupils should bring appropriate gym wear and a change of shoes into school on those days. There are some spare items available in the gym hall if needed; however, pupils are encouraged to bring in their own items. Please remember not to wear jewellery or watches on these days.

**Homework** Literacy and Numeracy will be issued weekly, posted in the relevant folder on Showbie, reflecting the learning in class. Both literacy and maths will be posted in the same place on a Monday. Each task should take no longer than 15 minutes, and again will be similar to work the children are completing in class.

**Our Topic...** As well as SHANARRI and Connected Classroom, we have been exploring the '7 Habits' outlined in the Leader in Me programme. This is a whole school approach that aims to empower children to show more leadership in and out of the classroom. We are also focussing on invertebrates and how they affect our world in STEM.

