

ENNISKILLEN MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Date: Term 1, 2024/2025 PRIMARY SIX

Key areas of the curriculum to be covered this term:

*Parent Introductory Meeting – Thursday, 5th September at 7.00 p.m.
Parents only should attend. Use the main school entrance door (office).*

Literacy:

Reading – Banded readers covering a range of schemes with extension books including novels etc. Reading homework will be assigned from a variety of texts and reading scheme materials. It should be noted that children will not read aloud from these resources daily. Focus is on increasing understanding of the text whilst practising reading strategies and developing vocabulary skills at home and in class. Please encourage children to read library books and visit the local library or use N.I. libraries App 'Libby.' Pupils will be assigned reading tasks weekly in www.activelearnprimary.co.uk Bug Club passwords have been updated and can be found inside the homework diary.

Whole class/Guided reading will enable pupils to read aloud in class. A period of silent reading is built into the daily routine.

Grammar – Revision and development of grammar including all types of sentences, nouns, verbs, adjectives etc. using the Collins Scheme and grammar interactive resources.

Comprehension – Collins Comprehension and On Target English - core material plus topic-based texts.

Creative Writing – Based on aspects of topics studied e.g. Champions, Vikings, Volcanoes, writing instructions, recounts and narrative stories.

Spellings – Following the P6 Complete Spelling Programme. This is a scheme which follows a progressive structure to teach spellings.

Numeracy:

Following the New Heinemann Scheme and the school's Mental Mathematics Scheme. Areas to be covered in detail:

Revision of previous work

Place value

Sequencing, ordering, rounding, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of numbers to millions

Properties of Number

Shape and space – reasoning about shapes

Area

Multiplication and Division

Tables – Revision of tables x2 to x12

Topics to be covered in The World Around Us:

[WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS & OUR EXPLOSIVE PAST](#) - Covering Vikings, Volcanoes, Map work and Investigations.

Museum Trip(s) linking to Vikings – P6R on 16th October and P6S on 17th October. Details to follow.

Google Classroom:

This ICT platform will allow us to upload photos of your child's learning journey in P6 and to communicate about other aspects of school life e.g. trips, homeworks etc. Please access Google Classroom via 'My School' login and use the updated password which has been stuck into the front of the home/school Diary.

P.E (including swimming) will commence this week. P6 children will wear their Model P.E kit to school on their designated day (as advised). Normal uniform to be worn on swimming day.

P.E kit is as follows:

Model P.E top, Model hoodie (or school sweatshirt), red shorts, royal blue knee-high socks and trainers. Navy or Black leggings/joggers can be worn on colder days (November – March)**no coloured/patterned leggings.**

Hair tied up and no jewellery on P.E. days. If your child needs to wear glasses for P.E. a consent note in the diary needs to be forwarded to the class teacher.

Earrings: Studs only are allowed but should not be worn on P.E. days – pupils with freshly pierced ears cannot take part in swimming/P.E. for 4–6 weeks.

SWIMMING: Your child is due to start swimming lessons this week for 4 sessions. P6R every Wednesday and P6S every Thursday morning. Please ensure that your child brings his/her swimming gear on Wednesday/Thursday. School uniform is to be worn on swimming days. A coat will be required – it is intended that the children will walk to and from the Forum. Relevant medical information is being relayed to the Lakeland Forum staff. As has been the practice for years, there will be no charge to parents. It will be assumed your child has your consent to take part, unless directed otherwise.

Homework: Spellings and tables Monday to Thursday and a minimum of 2 written homeworks per week: 1 Literacy, 1 Mathematics – a parent's signature is required – thank you. Online homework will also be organised on 2 evenings each week and must be completed for the specific day outlined.

Dinner money – £13.00 per week (to be paid on a Monday). NEW MENU AVAILABLE. To complement guidelines in relation to managing money, it makes transactions at office level much easier if sums of money are kept separate for individual children/siblings e.g. please only send dinner money, trip money etc. in a named envelope to your child's class teacher. Thank you for co-operating with us.

Essential items (all labelled) – Each pupil should have:

1. Glue stick, colouring pencils, eraser, 30 cm ruler, pencils and pen (in a pencil case), a small pack of tissues
2. Small Collins or Oxford dictionary – to stay in school/bag. **WE ARE KEEN CHILDREN USE DICTIONARIES**
3. **Maths: Essential Facts and Tables Book – see note at the end of this leaflet**

Break and Packed Lunches – This school follows a healthy break programme – no crisps, nuts, sweets, chocolates etc. to be brought to school for break.

Water – children are allowed to bring a recyclable water bottle to school with a pop-up drinking top/flask. There is to be no sharing.

Thank you for supporting our School Code of Conduct. This code is framed in such a way to encourage and reinforce courteous behaviour –

In Enniskillen Model School:

- We work hard and always try our best
- We respect the feelings, bodies and property of ourselves and others
- We make wise choices and are responsible for our actions
- We move safely around the school

In addition, we have Class Rules.

Teachers supported by the classroom assistants will develop this code within their classrooms at a level appropriate to the age and needs of their pupils.

Other information:

From time to time, we need to consult with the school's Educational Psychologist in relation to individual pupil progress (following discussion with staff). This is often to seek guidance about how best to proceed to ensure there is no regression in learning etc. This notice is to inform all our parents that this school will automatically discuss relevant pupils without seeking the prior approval of parents. Getting approval initially can delay the process. If something significant comes out of the discussion with the Educational Psychologist parents would then be notified, as and when required. Such discussions often only apply to a small number of children and take place on several occasions during the year – there is no need/requirement to discuss many of our children. The support of the Educational Psychologist is invaluable to the running of the school.

It is also the policy of this school that when children leave his/her pupil record is automatically sent on to the next school. Again, this is done without further liaison with/approval from parents.

Thank you for collaborating with us.

J Smith and G Robson

An 'Essential Facts and Tables' booklet has been used successfully by teachers in P6 and P7 over the past number of years. It provides a useful resource/source of reference for children in their P6 and P7 years and especially so in the lead up to transfer related work. School has purchased additional copies of the booklet (which costs £3.00)

The children keep these booklets in their school bag and refer to them as and when required - they are particularly good for revision purposes (in school/at home).

Parents wishing to buy the booklet should let the class teacher know next week – via the diary and forward **£3.00** to the teacher.