

Homework

- Pupils will have written homework in numeracy or literacy on 3 evenings each week usually Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.
- Spellings, mental literacy & mental maths – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Revise tables/mental maths and spellings on Thursday for Friday test.
- Homework should last approximately 45-60 minutes. As a parent we would ask that you work alongside your child for encouragement and support but that you foster independence at every opportunity.

ICT

Your child will have access to iPads, cameras, computers and interactive whiteboards to support their learning throughout the year.

Topic work

Pupils in P7 will develop their scientific, geographical and historical knowledge in their World Around Us (WAU) topics areas during the year. The topics will be Victorians, World War 1 and Japan. Please read and discuss aspects of these topic areas at every opportunity.

Pupils will also work on their **Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities (TSPC)** throughout their topic work including: Working with Others, Being Creative, Managing Information, Problem Solving/Decision making and Self-Management. Again please encourage opportunities for your child to develop these skills at home as well. Ask your teacher for ideas if needed.

CHILD CENTRED PROVISION

At Clare Primary School we aim to meet the needs and aspirations of the pupils within the school. We aim to create a warm and positive whole school ethos, reflected in the attitudes of staff, pupils and parents. We also aim to provide a positive learning environment for all pupils where their learning is encouraged and developed within the context of their individual needs, talents and abilities.



Please contact the Primary 7 staff if you have any queries or require more information.

PE kit (Mondays)

Pupils are required to participate in PE as a mandatory curricular area. PE kit is navy jogging bottoms, pale blue polo-shirt with our school crest and a navy jumper/cardigan with school crest and trainers. Please see the Parent Info tab on the school website for more details.



Trips in Year 7

Primary 7 will visit Ganaway Activity Centre in April 2020 for an outdoor pursuits residential trip, staying overnight for 2 nights. There will be a cost involved with this trip. Other trips may be arranged throughout the year.

Administration

Please try and only send dinner money in on Monday mornings unless your child is off sick. Healthy break provided by Mrs Kelly is to be paid for on a Friday. We operate a Healthy Eating school policy. Please send in healthy items for snack and lunch. The school canteen will serve healthy dinners during the week with fried foods being available twice a week.

All policy documents are discussed with the Board of Governors, staff, school council and parents.

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Before & After school clubs and activities

In Clare Primary School we offer a Breakfast Club Facility from 8.15am daily at a cost of £1 per day, payable on the Friday of the week before. We have a wide range of after school activities and courses. These include football, hockey, ICT, netball, cross country, Scripture Union, Dance, Eco, cycling proficiency and athletics. Many of these only operate for Primary 4 upwards. We would encourage you to get your children to participate in the wider life of the school. Contact Mrs Turkington for more information.

Friends of Clare

We will have a Parent Teacher Association in Clare Primary School. We will always welcome new members and helpers for events. Information regarding the Friends of Clare will be on the school website and on Facebook.

If you have any queries please contact the school.

Clare Primary School, 58 Cloghoge Road, Tandragee, BT62 2HB.

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What to expect in Year 7

Welcoming all children into a learning environment where they will feel valued, happy and safe.

Information for parents/guardians

Thank you for taking time to read this information on what to expect this year in Primary 7. This leaflet can also be found on the school website www.clareprimary.com under 'Parent Information.' If you have any questions or need assistance please phone Mrs Dillon in the school office on 02838840843 and she will put you in contact with the relevant person for your enquiry.



Position	Name
Principal	Miss Shona Lindsay
Safeguarding	Mrs G Martin
SENCO/	Mrs H Bennett
Primary 7 Teachers	Miss Lindsay Mrs Allen
Secretary	Mrs Dillon

SAFEGUARDING in Primary 7

Please read the school policy for important information. In Clare Primary School, we understand that we have a primary responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of the pupils in our charge. This charge is taken very seriously and we always carry out this duty as effectively as possible.

WHO TO CONTACT

If you have a concern regarding the safeguarding of pupils in school please contact:

Designate Child Protection Teacher Mrs G Martin

Deputy Child Protection Teacher Miss S Lindsay

BOG Safeguarding Mrs Elaine Fraser

PASTORAL CARE in Primary 7

Clare Primary School is committed, above all else, to providing each pupil with the best opportunities to develop his or her full potential, socially, academically, morally, emotionally and physically. If you have any concerns please contact the class teacher or Miss Shona Lindsay.



CITIZENSHIP AND BEHAVIOUR in Primary 7

The purpose of our school's policy for behaviour and citizenship is to:

Encourage and praise good behaviour;
Prevent and discourage inappropriate behaviour;
Deal with inappropriate behaviour in a fair and consistent manner;
Develop behavioural skills in the pupils that will benefit both them and the community in which they live and learn.

Use class Traffic Lights to encourage good behaviour;
Rewards and sanctions all centre around the Golden Rules below:

- Do be kind and helpful
- Do be gentle
- Do listen
- Do work hard
- Do be honest
- Do look after property

UNIFORM

Please see the Parent Info tab on the school website for details.

Numeracy

Your child will have a lot of knowledge and skills to work through in Primary 7. They will need your on-going support. The areas of numeracy in Primary 7 are:

Number

Read/write numbers up to 1000000.
Revise times tables up to 12x and number facts!
Long x using ThHTu by 1 digit/HTu by 2 digits
Dividing ThHTu by a single digit—including decimals
Understand and calculate using negative number. Know all fraction families and equivalents.
Simplify fractions. X and divide by 10, 100, 1000 including decimals tenths, hundredths and thousandths. Know factors and multiples. Know prime, square, cube and triangular patterns



Use Function Machines including decimals
Calculate probability using fractions and %
Understand and calculate scale e.g. 1 cm = 4 km
Know about budgeting money and financial terms e.g. debit, debt, interest...

Problem solve using algebra

Data Handling

Understand and use Carroll, Venn, Tree diagrams and read/interpret and draw bar/line graphs, pie charts and tally charts.

Draw scales on graph axis
Calculate mean, average and range

Measure

Understand and calculate perimeter/area in triangles, composite shapes

calculate volume

Use capacity including imperial measures

Read and interpret 12hr and 24hr timetables/schedules

Shape and Space

Link compass to degrees of turns in 1/8s

Plot bearings using 360 degrees

Calculate missing angles in triangles/quadrilaterals

Measure and construct any given angles



Literacy

There are lots of reading, writing, spelling and grammar books and activities to get through in P7 and this work will also need your on-going support. The main areas are:

Spelling

Pupils will get spellings on Monday night. P3—P7 pupils will complete a variety of activities in school to help them learn the rules for Friday Test. They will need your daily support at home. Speak to the class teacher for strategies for learning.

Reading

Pupils need to read at least 20 minutes each day. We have silent reading time in school, guided reading activities with the teacher and comprehension development lessons.

Please complete any reading homework and actively encourage reading at bedtime/other opportunities.

Writing, punctuation and grammar

The pupils will write in a wide variety of genres including poetry, persuasive, recount, narrative etc linked to their WAU topics. They will also complete activities in an extensive range of grammar activities. Punctuation in Primary 7 will use the following - “” , . ? ! () * ... ; :

