



OVERVIEW OF THEMATIC UNITS

	TERM 1				TERM 2			TERM 3	
Year 1 (FS/KS1) 21/22	Wonderful Me	AUTUMN	Opposites	CHRISTMAS	WINTER	Home Sweet Home	A Bug’s Life	Sun, Sea & Sand	SUMMER
Year 2 (FS/KS1) 22/23	Helping Hands		Once Upon a Time			Animal Antics	Growing Is Great	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle	
Year 3 (FS/KS1) 23/24	Our Wee World		Let’s Celebrate			Colour	All Creatures Great & Small	Fit for Life	
Year 4 (FS/KS1) 24/25	Share, care & Repair				Footprints			Super Human Machine	
Year 5 (KS2) 22/23	All Change				It’s a Disaster!			Move It	
Year 6 (KS2) 23/24	Our Big World				Unsinkable!			Are You Wise?	
Year 7 (KS2) 24/25	Reach for the Stars				Let’s Explore			Different Directions	

SUMMARY OF THEMATIC UNITS – Year 1

THEMATIC UNIT	CURRICULUM FOCUS	MAIN THEMES
Wonderful Me	PDMU	Self-esteem, confidence, and emotions How their actions affect other people Growth mindset/ Healthy bodies, Healthy Minds
Opposites	Science	Hot & Cold (Countries) Light & Dark / Positive & Negative Long & Short / Float & Sink
Home Sweet Home	Geography / History	Our Homes Types of Homes / Rooms in a home Older Island Buildings Homelessness
A Bug's Life	Science	Insects / Minibeasts Bug Hotel Habitat / Eco System / Importance of Bees Perspective
Sun, Sea & Sand	Geography / History	Sun & Sea Safety Food from the Sea & Foraging Beach School

		Over the sea – a trip to Ballycastle Beach Shipwrecks
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SUMMARY OF THEMATIC UNITS – Year 2

THEMATIC UNIT	CURRICULUM FOCUS	MAIN THEMES
Helping Hands	PDMU	Community – Firefighters, Nurses, Doctor, Lifeboat, Vet, Dentist, Shopkeeper, Post, Community Carers Family People who help me in school. Helping each other - Kindness
Once Upon a Time	History/Literacy/ PDMU	Traditional Tales Fairy Tales Drama Local Stories – Rathlin Stories, Children of Lir, Princess Taisie
Animal Antics	Science	Pets Farm Animals Wild Animals in Rathlin Birds Sea Animals
Growing is Great	Science	Plants – Light, Air, Water & Nutrients (LAWN) – Investigation & Observation Seed to plant – life cycle School Garden Edible plants
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle	Geography	Plastics & Pollution effects on marine life - Reduce Junk Modelling – Recycle School Garden – Compost – Reuse

		Rathlin – Bins, Recycling clothes, electric car
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SUMMARY OF THEMATIC UNITS – Year 3

THEMATIC UNIT	CURRICULUM FOCUS	MAIN THEMES
Our Wee World	Geography / History	Rathlin Island Townlands Physical Features Kingdom of Dalriada – links to North Antrim & Scottish Isles
Let's Celebrate	History / PDMU	Important celebrations in own life – eg birthdays, baptisms Family Celebrations Local Festivals & Celebrations Celebrating Achievements Celebrating Difference
Colour	Science / Art	Colour Mixing Prisms Rainbows Colours for Feelings Artists using colour – Miro / Picasso
All Creatures Great & Small	Science	Zoo animals Snakes & Reptiles Dinosaurs
Fit for Life	PDMU / Science	Healthy Eating Importance of sleep Balanced Lifestyle Exercise – breathing & heartbeat Hygiene Being ill

		Well – being & Mental Health
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SUMMARY OF THEMATIC UNITS – Year 4

THEMATIC UNIT	CURRICULUM FOCUS	MAIN THEMES
Share, Care & Repair	Geography	Global citizenship Rainforests – environmental and human impact Sustainable Resources Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Fairtrade
Footprints	History / Geography	Family – generations & ancestors Local history Changes over time in local area (Rathin) National Geography
Super Human Machine	PDMU / Science	How our body works Growth Major organs Keeping healthy

SUMMARY OF THEMATIC UNITS – Year 5

THEMATIC UNIT	CURRICULUM FOCUS	MAIN THEMES
All Change	History	Victorian era as a time of change Famine cause and effect Relate to modern immigration / emigration Reversible and irreversible changes Weather and Seasons
It's a Disaster!	Geography	Earth science (see CCEA Unit Earth Science) Natural Disasters – earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunami etc Unnatural disasters – war. Chemical spillage, nuclear pollution Personal “disasters” Learning from mistakes Resilience in the face of adversity
Move It	Science	Transport Energy Forces – Push & Pull Body movement – muscles skeleton / Be active to be healthy

		Transition (P7)
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SUMMARY OF THEMATIC UNITS – Year 6

THEMATIC UNIT	CURRICULUM FOCUS	MAIN THEMES
Our Big World	Geography	Democracy and how we are governed – council, Assembly Parliament World Geography – continents, countries, capitals Countries – key facts Maps Languages – Irish and other relevant languages
Unsinkable!	History / Science	Titanic History & Legacy Science – Floating and Sinking - Effects of cold on body - Radio Communication Morse Code - Water Pressure See Titanic science Guide
Are You Wise?	PDMU	See Living Learning together Resources Self Management Money Wise – Financial Capability Health Wise Keeping Safe Emotional Intelligence Media wise

SUMMARY OF THEMATIC UNITS – Year 7

THEMATIC UNIT	CURRICULUM FOCUS	MAIN THEMES
Reach for the Stars	Science	Planets Solar System Day & Night / Seasons / Tides Aspirations Stars – Celebrity and influence
Let's Explore	History	Local History - Vikings Irish Myths & Legends Stories from other cultures Explore your thoughts Famous Scientists and Explorers (include Marconi)
Different Directions	Geography / Maths	Compass Points Northern & Southern Hemispheres

		Equator Emigration Future Dreams, Plans and Goals
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