

Extra Information for English:

This week you will be writing some poetry. A poem is a very condensed story. It consists of images and rhythm. Images are mental pictures that are suggested through the use of description. The poet spends a lot of time choosing his/her words very carefully because they're telling a story using very few words. Think back to 'Blackberry Picking'- we could see the blackberries because of all the different colour words Seamus Heaney used to describe the blackberries, we could smell the rotting ones. Rhythm is the sense of movement the poet creates to help us understand the mood or feeling in the poem.

Choose lots of descriptive words and appeal to your senses thinking about how something feels, smells, tastes, sounds and looks. Enjoy this exercise.

Extra Information on Confirmation preparation for 6th class:

Over the week, I would like you to look again at pgs.30,33 and 43 from your Confirmation book. These pages are looking at the Gifts, Fruits and Symbols of the Holy Spirit. Your Confirmation will be your fourth sacrament to receive, your first was Baptism, second was Reconciliation when you made your First Confession, third was the Eucharist and sometime later in the year (nothing decided yet) you will receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

In Confirmation you will renew your Baptismal promises which your parents and godparents made on your behalf when you were babies. At Confirmation the Holy Spirit gives you seven gifts: wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence and wonder and awe in God's presence. These gifts help each and every one of us to go out and live good lives and help spread the good news in the good things that we do every day e.g. helping at home, helping younger or older members in the family. It's in the simple everyday way we live our lives.

Page. 44 of your Confirmation book talks about the Confirmation Pledge and this is something you can discuss with your parents.