



Mr Buchanan Smith and Miss Campbell would like to extend a warm welcome to all our P5 pupils and parents, and hope you all had a wonderful summer. Miss Houston is also delighted to be teaching P5F on a Wednesday and P5B on a Thursday. Both classes are enjoying their new 'pod' classrooms and we can't wait to share these with you at our Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday 11th September 18:00 – 19:00. We are all looking forward to a very busy and fun year ahead.

Literacy

Reading

Our book study this term is 'This Morning I Met a Whale' by Michael Morpurgo. Through our novel we will be practising skills of inference, visualisation and summarising. We will also be exploring the new vocabulary we discover while reading.

Spelling

We are continuing our spelling practice using the Wraparound scheme. We will also be learning specific spelling rules to help us avoid making common mistakes.

Writing

Over the next few weeks, we will be revising how to make our writing engaging and structured. Our focus will be on using openers, connectives, paragraphs, and different features of language.

We will also be encouraging the use of joined up handwriting.



Numeracy

Number

This term we will be reinforcing basic number processes.

We will be working with larger numbers, identifying each place value within six figure numbers and learning how to round to the nearest 1000.

Multiplication/Division

Primary 5 will continue to revise and learn the times tables up to 10 through playing games, learning songs, online activities and completing challenges. We are also learning to multiply and divide 3 or more digit numbers.

Primary 5 are also learning about the importance of showing our calculations and presenting our written work neatly in our numeracy jotters.



Health & Wellbeing

Both classes have created their class charter to ensure we have a happy, respectful and safe classroom environment.

We will continue with PATHS lessons and will begin this year exploring different feelings in relationships and getting along with others.

P.E.

The children are asked to bring their gym kit on the following days:

P5F – Monday and Wednesday

P5B – Thursday and Friday

Contexts for Learning

IDL

Through our novel, we will be studying climate change and other environmental issues caused by human activity. We will be taking part in outdoor learning activities (weather dependent).

Science

We will be studying the water cycle and investigating floating and sinking through practical activities.

ICT

We will be conducting online research specifically on whales, ocean life and climate change. We will be learning how to use the internet safely and how to be a responsible digital citizen.

