

Primary Five NEWSLETTER

Term 1 2026-2027



Teacher's Note

We are very excited to welcome back pupils to P5! This year will be a little different as our classrooms are in the Pods! You can find out more information at our 'Meet the Teacher' event on the 9th of September. P5F P.E days are Tuesday and Friday and P5L P.E days are Monday and Friday.

Literacy

Our book study this term is 'This Morning I Met A Whale' by Michael Morpurgo which also links to our IDL topic. Through our novel we will be practising skills of inference, visualisation and summarising. As always, we will be exploring the unfamiliar language that every new novel brings and using these words in context.

Each week we will work on 6 root words for the Wraparound Spelling programme. Pupils will be encouraged to stretch words to hear the sounds and then grow the root words in different ways. Spelling words will be posted onto Learning Journals, and you can help your child practise this at home.

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

Numeracy

Term 1 will include work on place value, rounding and estimating. We will also work on naming and identifying angles and using compass points to give and follow directions.

We will also continue the Monster Multiplication Masters programme, aiming to make pupils as fluent and proficient in multiplying and dividing as possible. Pupils will be reassessed to ensure they are still mastering each times tables already achieved in P4. This will be a priority all year – please support this at home if you can. Even 5 minutes practice a day is a huge help!

On Sumdog, we will redo the diagnostic assessment so that we can make sure we are working at an appropriate level. Sumdog and Topmarks have great games for practising maths skills at home.

Context for Learning

Through our novel we will be studying endangered animals with a focus on whales, climate change and other environmental issues connected to human activity.

Relating to our topic we will be creating different art pieces focusing on mixed media to create them.

We will be revising our BSL learning and furthering our abilities in speaking and writing in French.

Health and Wellbeing

PE – This term we will be working on a block of athletics and fitness. We will explore the various aspects of fitness and develop our skills in both track and field events such as running, jumping and throwing.

Core Health – Both P5 classes have designed 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.