



## **Primary 5 Bulletin Term One 2021-2022**

All of Primary 5 have settled in well over the past few weeks and are already showing how kind, helpful and enthusiastic they are. They have welcomed Miss Spencer brilliantly to the school and we are really looking forward to working with everyone over the coming school year!

### **Literacy**

Within literacy this year, we will be focusing on our vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation (VCOP) to improve our personal writing. Our writing this term will largely focus on imaginative pieces, with the focus remaining on word choice, punctuation and descriptive language to build on and up-level our writing. Spelling will be taught on a weekly basis with a new spelling focus fortnightly. Grammar and comprehension will also be covered on a weekly basis. Reciprocal reading will take place in class to support the development of communication skills (in listening and talking) and comprehension through tasks such as predicting, clarifying, questioning and summarising texts.

### **Numeracy**

This term we will largely be focused on revising and consolidating our place value knowledge (beyond 1000 and rounding) as well as our understanding of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division from previous years. We will also be participating in Number Talks to expand our understanding of different mental maths strategies to improve our maths agility and problem-solving skills. Any extra support at home would be greatly appreciated, particularly with learning and revising times tables. With Miss Kelly, pupils will be looking at a range of mathematical concepts relating to shape, position and movement, with this term's focus centering around compass points and angles.

### **Health and Wellbeing**

In PE, pupils will be working on a range of games and skills. The main focus this term will be on ball handling skills and spatial awareness. In Bounce Back, the children will be discussing positive relationships and feelings with Miss Kelly. PE days are on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. When the weather allows, we will be outside for PE or other learning activities. I have asked pupils to bring a waterproof jacket every day. **It is really helpful if pupils' clothes (jumpers/jackets) have their names on them so they can be easily identified.**

### **Interdisciplinary Learning**

We will be reading the novel 'Max and the Millions' by Ross Montgomery in our class and linking this to a number of curricular areas including Literacy, Health and Wellbeing (friendships and uniqueness as individuals), Technologies and Expressive Arts (drama and art). It will also link with our Social

Studies topic for the term, Inventors (looking at how technological inventions have changed the world we live in throughout history and thinking about inventions for the future).

### **Other Information**

- Miss Kelly will be working with Primary 5 on Thursday afternoons and Fridays. During this time, Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing will be covered (as mentioned above), alongside Science and Expressive Arts (with the focuses for these being Vertebrates and Invertebrates and Pop Art respectively).
- We have a class Twitter that is updated regularly to highlight some of the lessons and activities we have covered in class! Please follow us at **@IPSPPrimary5\_21** to see what we are up to throughout our day! If you have not already returned a slip with your Twitter handle, please let me know and I can re-issue another. Please note that I cannot accept any follow requests from accounts until this slip is returned.

### **Homework**

Instructions for each week's homework will be written on each pupil's homework sheet and issued on Monday. Completed work should be handed in on **Thursday**. Homework will normally consist of:

<b>Reading</b>	Each week, pages will be given to be prepared at home by a given date. Pupils will be asked to create 2 comprehension questions about the passage to ask others in their group based on the text they have been reading. Please can pupils continue to bring their reading books into school every day.
<b>Spelling</b>	Pupils should copy their list of words 3 times (once each night). Pupils should use the <i>Look, Cover, Write, Check</i> method when writing their words. They should also complete two spelling activities from the sheet provided each week.
<b>Maths</b>	Each week pupils will be given maths homework as consolidation of concepts or strategies being taught in class. This may come in various formats such as an online activity (Sumdog Maths), a written worksheet, a maths game to play, or a practical activity relating to the topics covered in class.

Could I please ask that you sign your child's homework once completed to show that you have seen their work. Your support in helping them correct, improve and understand their tasks is very much appreciated!

**Thank you for your support and co-operation!**

Miss Hannah Spencer (P5 Class Teacher)

