



## Primary 5 Bulletin Term 2 (October – December 2021)

It's great to see all of Primary 5 back in the classroom following the October Break, and I am looking forward to learning in Term 2 as a class! This term will also span a variety of events (such as Halloween, Children in Need, St Andrew's Day and of course, Christmas) meaning P5 will be kept very busy this term!

### Literacy

Within literacy this term, we will be continuing our focus on our vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation (VCOP) to improve our personal writing. Our writing this term will focus on functional writing (such as letters, diaries and instructions) and developing our language and grammar choices further to build on and up-level our writing. We will also be continuing to develop our self- and peer-assessment skills through the use of our Success Criteria, to identify next steps for ourselves or classmates to help make our writing even better! Spelling will be taught on a weekly basis with a new spelling focus fortnightly or weekly (depending on spelling groups). A weekly assessment will take place on a **Friday** morning through a spelling test. Grammar and comprehension will also be covered on a weekly basis. Listening and talking will be focused on this term, with reading time being used to support learning discussions and group interactions to support pupils in predicting, clarifying, questioning and summarising their learning (such as when reading texts or reflecting on new information).

### Numeracy

This term we are continuing to expand our understanding of whole number (ordering, sequencing and place value) by introducing decimals and expanding our knowledge of the number line. We will also be continuing to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction this term (in the form of mental models and formal methods). We will also be continuing our Number Talks to expand 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 beyond number. This term's focus will be on angles, information handling, and time.

### Health and Wellbeing

In PE, pupils will be working on their racquet skills and continuing to develop and use these skills to support them in games and the development of their hand-eye coordination. We will also be rounding off our ball skills by looking at skills such as dribbling and passing. We will continue to develop our emotional literacy through check-ins and circle time to address and identify how we are feeling so that we can learn about strategies to support us and how best to convey this to our classmates and teachers.

## Learning Across the Curriculum

This term, one of our contexts for learning will be the Titanic. We will be exploring the history of the famous ship and learning more about the people on board as part of our topic. Whilst exploring this topic, we will be covering a range of areas including Social Studies (History), Literacy, and Expressive Arts (drama and art). In RME, we will be exploring Sikhism to develop our understanding of other people's views and beliefs, and how they celebrate key events relating to their faith.

## Other Information

- ❖ PE days are on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Can pupils please wear appropriate clothing on these days and ensure they have hair tied back. When the weather allows, we will be outside for PE or other learning activities. Please can pupils 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.** Furthermore, we will have our swimming sessions on Friday morning. Please can pupils come with the appropriate clothing and items specified for the sessions (towels, bag for wet equipment etc).
- ❖ Miss Kelly will be working with Primary 5 on Thursday afternoons and Fridays. Miss Kelly will be working with learners on Literacy (dictation and handwriting), Numeracy, Science (with a focus on Ecosystems) and Music.
- ❖ At the back of your child's homework jotter, you will find their log-ins for Glow/Sumdog. Please allow them to access our new Teams page which I have created for this year – **Primary 5 2021-2022**.
- ❖ 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!

## Homework

Homework is now up and running and consists of reading (reading aloud and comprehension questions), spelling (Look, Say, Cover Write, plus 2 activities from the spelling homework grids in your child's jotter) and numeracy activities to be completed for the **Thursday**. As part of individual research for this term's topics, pupils may on occasion be asked to research and note interesting information as part of their homework. Instructions for each week's homework will be written on pupils' homework sheets and issued on Mondays.

Could I please ask that you sign your child's homework once completed to show that you have seen their work.

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

Miss Hannah Spencer (P5 Class Teacher)

