

P5D

August-October 2025

- PE on Mondays and Thursdays
- Outdoor learning on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Reading:

In reading, we will be starting the year with a modelling block reading *The Sheep-Pig by Dick King-Smith*. We will go over the strategies that we learnt throughout Primary 4 and consolidate how to use them effectively. We will also work on reading with fluency and expression.

Writing:

We will be starting the year looking at the core writing skills and using them when writing different sentence types. We will do some descriptive writing, using our knowledge of adjectives and adverbs. Writing will also be linked to our topics this term.

Number:

P5s begin the year looking at place value - working with numbers up to 1,000. We will then move onto strengthening and extending our addition and subtraction knowledge - building on the strategies from last year and looking at some more word problems.

Maths:

In maths we are going to be studying shapes, looking at the properties of 2D shapes and 3D objects. We will also be looking for them in everyday life. P5s will then move onto looking at symmetry and linking it into our prior learning and to shapes.

HWB:

Our main focus this term is our Class Charter and the UNCRC. We will be discussing which rights are important to us and our class.

We will also recap our Zones of Regulation, reminding the learners of the strategies they can use when they feel dysregulated.

IDL:

Our topic this term will be looking at *The Shape-shifting World of Materials* where we will learn all about the properties of materials and substances and how that differs between states of matter. We will conduct some experiments this term to test our theories and experience the science hands-on.

How you can help at home

Fine Motor Skills:

Fine motor skills are essential for being able to write for a longer period of time and to have accuracy in handwriting. This is an important skill used throughout school and in the wider world.

Below are some ideas of how to develop these skills:

- Lego
- Threading
- Picking things up with tweezers or tongs
- Using pegs
- Tightening and loosening nuts and bolts
- Making models with playdough

Literacy:

Encouraging your child to read for enjoyment at home is a great way to get them interested in reading and develop their skills further. Asking them questions about their book, the plot, characters, what they think will happen next, etc... will also help develop their skills.

Listening to audiobooks and podcasts are also great tools.

Below are some links:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdp4pg8>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zncgvk7>

Numeracy:

Practising simple addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations is beneficial for retaining learning and consolidating skills. Sumdog is a wonderful tool for this too.

Below are some links to websites:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/mental-maths-train>