



Primary 5 2023-2024

Dear P5 S/T Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to you to outline a few details about what happens in P5 and highlight our homework schedule.

All children will be taught the statutory NI Curriculum in these following areas

○ Language and Literacy

Reading – use of short novels and guided reading books.

Spelling – spelling scheme in P5 (The Read Write Company).

Spelling activities are also completed to support the learning.

Writing – creative and factual - poetry, reports, recounts, stories, character studies and descriptions, instructions, newspaper articles, diary entries etc looking at structure, interest, awareness of audience.

Grammar and Punctuation – parts of language and developing accuracy in use of punctuation in written work.

Talking and Listening – class, group and paired activities in both talking and listening.



○ Mathematics and Numeracy

Processes – communicating mathematically, understanding mathematical language, developing different approaches to problem solving.

Mental Maths – lots of engaging and fun activities to stimulate accuracy and speed!

Number – four operations, times tables, place value, fractions and money.

Shape and Space – properties of 2D and 3D shapes, lines and angles, compass and direction, co-ordinates

Data Handling – use of a range of tables and charts, probability

Measures – length, weight, capacity, area, perimeter, digital and analogue time (12 hour) and timetables



- The Arts - music, drama and art

- The World Around Us - topic work.

Term 1 focus - Hot and Cold - Africa and Deserts, Arctic and Antarctic

Term 2 – Flight – Including Flight Pioneers and Birds

Term 3 – Ancient Egypt

- Personal Development and Mutual Understanding / R.E.
- Physical Education - swimming in term 3, Multi Sports coaching.

Using ICT - big focus in Primary 5

- Use of laptops, ipads, computers and a range of other digital technologies;
- Seesaw - pupils should have class app and parents should have connected to our family app. We will aim to complete 1 Seesaw activity per week
- New skills for P5 such as PowerPoint presentations, using ICT skills to edit work, more independent research for relevant information, sending and receiving e-mails
- Focus on E-safety, both in school and at home.

Shared Education

- This year we will join with our P5 buddies in Acorn for joint shared education lessons. These will involve lessons taking place in both schools and zoom meetings. Our P5 class in Acorn is led by Mrs. Hamilton.

Enrichment

- We aim to provide opportunities for enriching the curriculum. We already have an exciting end of year trip booked. We look forward to welcoming visitors into school to support our learning ranging from SUNI, MEA recycling service, Water NI and the fire service. You will be regularly informed through our seesaw app and photos will be uploaded to show all the fun activities we engage in to support our learning.

Useful Tips for Parents/Guardians

- ***All homework will be put on Seesaw class app. We are not using homework diaries this year. Below is a general overview of what to expect.***

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Test correction s and signed by parent
Spellings/facts	Spellings/facts	Spellings/facts	Spellings/facts revision of the week	
Literacy written work (comprehension)	Maths written work (mental maths)	Literacy written work	Maths written work/ WAU	
Seesaw Activity/ Mathletics task	(To be completed by Friday)			

- **Please ensure spellings are written out and learned each night**
- **Monday - Thursday - sign every written homework**
- **Listen to your child's reading daily**
- **Maths facts e.g. tables/clock times should be continually revised with your child;**
- **Encourage your child to take part in all school opportunities.**

Safer Schools NI App

Our School is pleased to use the **Safer Schools NI App**. This App provides relevant and critical updates from the Department of Education and from Safer Schools which will keep parents and carers up to date with emerging trends, risks and threats in the digital world.

The Safer Schools NI App is mentioned and referenced in our Fortnightly Newsletters.

For more information, download the Safer Schools NI App via the App or play store.

- Select your role – 'Parent/Carer'
- Login or register with your email and password of choice
- Select 'Oakfield Primary School'
- Use the passcode '6025'



We look forward to a great year with your children where the learning will be successful and everyone will be happy and healthy.



Best wishes
Mrs Simpson and Mrs Thompson