

Primary 5 Newsletter – August 2025

Welcome to P5! I hope you have had a lovely summer break and are ready for a busy year.

Topic

This term our Interdisciplinary Learning Topic is Scottish Wildlife. This will involve investigating Biodiversity and Interdependence in animals and plants, identifying key features of landscape around Pitlochry and Scotland, Art, Literacy, Science and ICT outcomes and the children will be involved in planning this topic. The children will participate in practical activities such as building food chains and webs to help them understand the roles of producers, consumers and decomposers and investigate ways in which climate change, weather and impact habitats. They will use ICT to conduct research and use a variety of media to produce paintings, drawings and collages to show what they have learned.

Maths and Numeracy

- Our focus this term will be on Place Value and Estimating and Rounding. The children will be working on reading and writing numbers with up to six digits and comparing and ordering large numbers.
- We will also develop a range of mental and written strategies to help solve addition and subtraction calculations and simple word problems.
- In addition, the children will be encouraged to use correct mathematical language when taking about numbers and explaining how they have worked out answers to a problem.

Literacy

P5 will create their own information texts linked to our Wildlife topic using notes they have made while watching, listening to and reading about wildlife. The children will have the opportunity to organize the facts they have gathered using mind maps and graphic organisers to plan their writing. Grammar lessons will allow children to practice using vocabulary, conjunctions, openers and punctuation within sentences before using them in longer texts. Children will continue to develop reading fluency and comprehension skills in class during weekly comprehension tasks and reading groups.

Homework

There will be weekly homework consisting of spelling words to practice and a maths task linked to our current maths topic. Homework will be given out on Tuesdays and should be returned the following Monday.

Occasionally, there will be homework linked to our topic.

Important dates

- Meet the Teacher -, 3rd September 2026
- Parents Evenings – 29th September 2026
8th October 2026
- Community Café - 8th October 2026
- End of Term - 9th October 2026

Health and Wellbeing

We will also be learning about building positive friendships and discussing how our emotions can influence our responses situations. The children will continue to develop learn strategies to help them manage through Decider Skills

The children will revisit the UNCRC Rights of the Child and create a class charter.

In class PE the will work on developing stamina and fitness by participating in active games, football, rugby and the Daily Mile .

RME

This term the children will identify similarities and differences in beliefs held by Christians, Muslims and Hindus. They will identify key features of the Bible and where to find specific stories such as the Creation story, Daniel and the Lion and Jonah and the Whale.

We will also explore the meaning behind some animals stories from Islam and Hinduism.

Our Weekly Routine

Monday Art with Mr. Maitland

Homework returned & Spelling Test

Tuesday Homework given out
Library with Mrs. Radford

Wednesday Music with Mrs. Barry fortnightly
Homework issued

Thursday Gaelic with Miss McPhee fortnightly
Rugby Outdoors until 17th September
Outdoor learning from 24th September

Friday : PE with Mrs. Leck – wear your PE kit to School but remember to bring your uniform to change afterwards.
Upper Primary Assembly

Water Bottles

Children should bring a filled water bottle to school every day. This will be kept in class and can be refilled at the water fountain.

Change of footwear

It is important to bring a change of footwear to wearing inside school as the top field can be muddy.

Lost Property

Please put names on coats, school uniform, PE kit and snack boxes.

If you would like to speak to please contact the school office to arrange a suitable time.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. McNab