



Primary 5 Curriculum Overview 2026-2027

Literacy

In P5 children will develop reading fluency, comprehension, and writing skills through a variety of genres, including stories, reports, and persuasive texts. Speaking and listening activities encourage confidence and clear communication.

Speaking & Listening

- Participate in discussions and debates, expressing opinions clearly and listening to others.
- Use formal and informal language appropriately for different audiences.
- Ask and answer questions to clarify understanding.
- Retell stories or events in sequence using relevant detail.
- Use drama and role-play to explore ideas and characters.
- Show active listening skills (e.g., responding, summarising).

Reading

- Read a range of texts (fiction, non-fiction, poetry) with understanding.
- Use strategies to decode unfamiliar words (phonics, context clues).
- Identify main ideas, themes, and key details in texts.
- Make predictions and inferences based on evidence.
- Recognise features of different genres (e.g., persuasive, narrative).
- Explain author's choice of words and their effect.
- Use contents, index, and glossary to locate information.

Writing

- Write for a variety of purposes and audiences (stories, reports, persuasive texts).
- Plan, draft, revise, and edit writing to improve clarity and accuracy.
- Use correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
- Organise writing with clear structure (beginning, middle, end).
- Use paragraphs to group related ideas.
- Apply rich vocabulary and descriptive language.
- Explore different styles and tones (formal/informal).
- Use ICT tools to present and publish writing.

Throughout the course of the year children will experience a variety of writing types

Sept/Oct	Nov/Dec	Jan/Feb	March/Apr	May/June
Report Writing	Persuasive Writing	Narrative Writing	Recount Writing	Discursive Writing



Numeracy

In Numeracy, pupils will explore a wide range of concepts and skills.

Our focus will include number work—such as place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division strategies, number lines, rounding, and number operations.

Alongside this, we will develop mental maths skills, including number bonds and times tables, to strengthen quick recall.

Pupils will also engage in problem-solving and investigative activities, using diagrams, tackling real-life scenarios, and participating in practical tasks to apply their learning.

Additionally, we will cover topic-based maths, incorporating handling data, measurement, time, and fractions.

These areas will be taught in an integrated way to ensure a balanced and connected approach to Numeracy.

The World Around Us

Our Primary 5 curriculum explores history, geography, and science through engaging themes that encourage curiosity and investigative skills, in line with the Northern Ireland Curriculum (CCEA). Our chosen topics for this year are Rainforests, Famous Landmarks, Ancient Egypt, Chocolate, and Bread. In the Northern Ireland Curriculum, the World Around Us strand is structured around three key focuses:

Place, which involves understanding the physical and human features of different locations, exploring connections between places, and appreciating diversity in environments and cultures.

Time, which looks at the past and present, examining how people, places, and events have changed over time and how history influences life today; and

Interdependence, which explores how people, animals, plants, and environments rely on each other, including the impact of human activity and the importance of sustainable choices.

For example, Rainforests link to Place through geography and to Interdependence through ecosystems; Ancient Egypt connects to Time through history and Place via the Nile region; Chocolate relates to Interdependence through trade and farming and Place through cocoa-producing countries; Landmarks tie into Place through global and local geography and Time through historical significance; and bread links to interdependence as it explores how people, plants, food production, and the environment depend on one another from farm to fork.



Sept/Oct	Nov/Dec	Jan/Feb	March/April	May/June
Rainforests	Famous Landmarks	Land of Stories	Ancient Egypt	Chocolate

Religious Education - Grow in Love

Lessons introduce children to stories of faith, prayer, and Christian values. Topics include God's love, Jesus' life and teachings, the Church, and celebrations such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

The topics covered in P5 Grow in Love are;

1. God
 - Understanding God as Creator and loving Father.
 - Exploring God's covenant and our response.
2. The Bible
 - Learning about the Old and New Testaments.
 - Stories of God's love and promises.
3. Jesus
 - Life and teachings of Jesus.
 - The Great Commandment: Love God and love others.
4. Advent and Christmas
 - Preparing for the birth of Jesus.
 - Celebrating the Incarnation.
5. Lent and Holy Week
 - Ash Wednesday and Lenten practices.
 - The Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus.
6. Easter
 - Joy of the Resurrection.
 - New life in Christ.
7. The Church
 - Community of believers.
 - Roles within the Church and sacraments.
8. Celtic Christianity
 - St Patrick and Irish Christian heritage.
9. The Mass
 - Structure and meaning of the Eucharist.
 - Participation in liturgy.
10. Interreligious Education
 - Respect for other faith traditions.



Personal Development and Mutual Understanding (PDMU)

PDMU lessons help children understand themselves and others, manage emotions, build positive relationships, and learn about health, safety, and respect in the community.

Key Themes address in Primary 5 are;

- Self-awareness
- Feelings and emotions
- Relationships
- Rules, rights, and responsibilities
- Safety and managing risk
- Healthy choices
- Similarities and differences
- Learning to live as part of a community

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)

RSE lessons are delivered through PDMU and the Flourish programme, focusing on respect, friendship, personal safety, and understanding our bodies as gifts from God.

Themes covered in P5 are;

- Respect for self and others.
- Centrality of relationships.
- Love as life-giving.
- Our bodies as gifts from God.
- Responsibility in bringing new life.

Physical Education

PE lessons promote fitness, coordination, and teamwork through games, dance, gymnastics, and outdoor activities

Sept/Oct	Nov/Dec	Jan/Feb	March/Apr	May/June
Fitness	Dodgeball	Gymnastics	Yoga	Outdoor Athletics
Indoor Athletics	Table Tennis	Multi-Skills	Gaelic Football	Games



All lessons will be designed to meet the needs of all learners, ensuring they are active, enjoyable, and engaging, while using a wide range of resources—including ICT—to support creativity and understanding."