

PRIMARY 5 – FIRST TERM SCHEME OF WORK
New NERDC Approved Curriculum 2025 (Implemented from Primary 4)
Federal Republic of Nigeria – Primary School, Year Five
Weeks 1–10 | 13 Subjects (11 Core + French & Arabic Optional)

About This Scheme of Work

This Primary 5 First Term Scheme of Work is aligned with the revised Basic Education Curriculum approved by the Federal Ministry of Education and NERDC in September 2025, which reduced Primary 4–6 subjects to 11 core subjects plus French and Arabic Language as optional. It covers Weeks 1–10 of the 13 subjects taught at the Primary 5 level: English Studies, Mathematics, Nigerian Language, Basic Science & Technology, Physical & Health Education, Basic Digital Literacy, Religious Studies (CRS/IS), Nigerian History, Social & Citizenship Studies, Cultural & Creative Arts, Pre-Vocational Studies, French, and Arabic Language. Week 1 is an orientation and diagnostic week, and Week 7 is a mid-term review and assessment week. The Subject Overview Table at the end summarises all first-term focus areas for easy reference.

Note on Religious Studies, Nigerian Language, and Optional Subjects

Religious Studies is offered as either Christian Religious Studies (CRS) or Islamic Studies (IS) depending on the pupil's family background, shown in each weekly table separated by a forward slash (/). Nigerian Language is taught as Hausa, Igbo, or Yoruba depending on the school's location and the language it offers; only one Nigerian Language is studied by each pupil. French and Arabic Language are optional subjects under the new curriculum; schools may offer one, both, or neither depending on available teachers and resources, bringing the total subject count for a pupil to between 11 and 13.

WEEK 1

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
NOTE	<i>Resumption and orientation week. Teachers welcome pupils back, introduce class rules, distribute textbooks, and conduct simple diagnostic activities to assess what pupils remember from Primary 4 before starting new Primary 5 first term content.</i>	
WEEK 1	English Studies	Orientation; revision of Primary 4 grammar (nouns, verbs and tenses, adjectives and adverbs) and reading comprehension skills; diagnostic activities
	Mathematics	Orientation; revision of Primary 4 place value, the four basic operations, and simple fractions; diagnostic number activities
	Nigerian Language (Hausa / Igbo / Yoruba)	Orientation; revision of Primary 4 alphabet, basic vocabulary, and simple sentences in the chosen Nigerian Language; diagnostic oral activities
	Basic Science & Technology	Orientation; revision of Primary 4 topics: classification of living things, the skeleton, and states of matter; diagnostic discussion
	Physical & Health Education (PHE)	Orientation; revision of Primary 4 athletics, football skills, and health education; fitness warm-up activities and class introduction
	Basic Digital Literacy	Orientation; revision of Primary 4 digital basics: parts of the computer, word processing, and simple presentations; safety rules and diagnostic activities
	Religious Studies (CRS / IS)	CRS: Orientation; revision of Primary 4 Bible stories from Creation to Moses / IS: Orientation; revision of Primary 4 Islamic lessons from Allah's names to the Battle of Badr
	Nigerian History	Orientation; introduction to the study of history as a subject; revision of simple historical ideas learned informally in earlier classes; diagnostic discussion

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	Social & Citizenship Studies	Orientation; revision of Primary 4 values: citizenship, law and order, and rights and responsibilities; discussion of classroom and school rules for the new term
	Cultural & Creative Arts (CCA)	Orientation; revision of Primary 4 drawing, painting, craft, music, and dance activities; display of prior work; introduction to first term topics
	Pre-Vocational Studies	Orientation; introduction to Pre-Vocational Studies and its two themes, Agriculture and Home Economics; overview of practical skill areas to be covered this term
	French (Optional)	Orientation; revision of Primary 4 French: classroom objects, days and months, and telling the time; simple question and answer practice
	Arabic Language (Optional)	Orientation; introduction to Arabic Language as a subject; overview of the alphabet and basic greetings to be covered this term

WEEK 2

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 2	English Studies	Grammar – pronouns: personal, possessive, and reflexive pronouns; using pronouns correctly in place of nouns in sentences
	Mathematics	Whole numbers – place value of digits in numbers up to 1,000,000; rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, and 1,000
	Nigerian Language (Hausa / Igbo / Yoruba)	Revision of the alphabet and vowel/consonant sounds in the chosen Nigerian Language; oral greetings and self-introduction
	Basic Science & Technology	The human body – the digestive system: organs and their functions; eating habits that support healthy digestion
	Physical & Health Education (PHE)	Athletics – relay race techniques; baton exchange; sprint starts and finishing; short-distance running drills
	Basic Digital Literacy	Typing skills – correct finger placement on the keyboard; typing simple words and sentences accurately
	Religious Studies (CRS / IS)	CRS: Joshua leads Israel – crossing the Jordan, the fall of Jericho; courage and obedience / IS: The Conquest of Makkah – forgiveness and mercy shown by the Prophet (SAW)
	Nigerian History	Meaning and importance of history – why we study the history of our nation; sources of history (oral tradition, artefacts, written records)
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Meaning of citizenship – who is a Nigerian citizen; ways of becoming a citizen; duties of a citizen
	Cultural & Creative Arts (CCA)	Drawing and design – perspective drawing of simple buildings and objects; introduction to repeat design patterns
	Pre-Vocational Studies	(Agriculture) Meaning, importance, and scope of agriculture; common agricultural occupations in the community
	French (Optional)	Asking and giving simple directions – tout droit, à gauche, à droite; classroom direction games

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	Arabic Language (Optional)	The Arabic alphabet (Huruf) – recognising and writing the first set of letters; correct pronunciation

WEEK 3

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 3	English Studies	Reading comprehension – reading an expository (informational) passage; identifying the main idea, supporting details, and new vocabulary
	Mathematics	Addition and subtraction of numbers up to 1,000,000 with carrying and borrowing; word problems involving large quantities
	Nigerian Language (Hausa / Igbo / Yoruba)	Reading simple words and short sentences; vocabulary building around the family and the home
	Basic Science & Technology	The human body – the circulatory system: the heart, blood vessels, and blood; simple ways of keeping the heart healthy
	Physical & Health Education (PHE)	Football – basic rules of the game; player positions; small-sided practice matches
	Basic Digital Literacy	Word processing – creating and formatting a simple document; headings, bullet points, and basic tables
	Religious Studies (CRS / IS)	CRS: The story of Ruth – loyalty and kindness within the family / IS: The five pillars of Islam revisited – Shahada and Salah in depth
	Nigerian History	Early civilisations in Nigeria – the Nok culture and its terracotta art; evidence of early settlement and craftsmanship
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Levels of government – local, state, and federal government; simple functions of each level
	Cultural & Creative Arts (CCA)	Traditional art forms – Adire and Aso-oke fabric design; simple tie-dye and resist-pattern practice
	Pre-Vocational Studies	(Home Economics) The family: meaning, types (nuclear and extended), and functions; roles of family members
	French (Optional)	Shopping vocabulary – au marché; common items and simple prices in French
	Arabic Language (Optional)	The Arabic alphabet continued – remaining letters; joining letters to form simple words

WEEK 4

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 4	English Studies	Grammar – prepositions and conjunctions; using them to join words, phrases, and ideas correctly in sentences
	Mathematics	Multiplication and division – multiplying and dividing by 2-digit numbers; introduction to long division
	Nigerian Language (Hausa / Igbo / Yoruba)	Grammar basics – simple sentence structure; naming words and describing words in the chosen Nigerian Language

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	Basic Science & Technology	Forces – pushing and pulling forces; friction; everyday examples of forces at work around us
	Physical & Health Education (PHE)	Basketball and handball – basic dribbling, passing, and shooting skills; simple game rules
	Basic Digital Literacy	Spreadsheets – introduction to rows, columns, and cells; entering and totalling simple data
	Religious Studies (CRS / IS)	CRS: Samuel – God calls a child to serve; the importance of listening and obedience / IS: Sawm (fasting) – meaning, benefits, and who is exempted
	Nigerian History	Ancient kingdoms – the Kanem-Borno Empire: location, notable rulers, and importance to the region
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Community institutions – the roles of the police, the hospital, and the local government office in the community
	Cultural & Creative Arts (CCA)	Sculpture appreciation – Nok terracotta and Benin bronze works; simple clay sculpture practice
	Pre-Vocational Studies	(Agriculture) Processes of agricultural production: land preparation and planting of crops in the school garden
	French (Optional)	My house – les pièces de la maison (la cuisine, la chambre, le salon); simple descriptions of rooms
	Arabic Language (Optional)	Simple greetings and expressions – As-salamu Alaykum, Shukran, Ma'as-salama; oral practice

WEEK 5

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 5	English Studies	Grammar – direct and indirect (reported) speech; changing simple sentences from direct to indirect speech
	Mathematics	Fractions – addition and subtraction of fractions with the same denominator; identifying equivalent fractions
	Nigerian Language (Hausa / Igbo / Yoruba)	Reading comprehension – a short story or folktale in the chosen Nigerian Language; oral retelling of the story
	Basic Science & Technology	Electricity – simple electrical circuits; conductors and insulators; safety rules around electricity
	Physical & Health Education (PHE)	Gymnastics – cartwheels and assisted handstands; balance sequences and simple floor routines
	Basic Digital Literacy	Presentations – creating a multi-slide presentation with text, images, and simple transitions
	Religious Studies (CRS / IS)	CRS: Saul and David – humility versus pride; David anointed as king / IS: Zakah and Hajj – purpose and significance in the life of a Muslim
	Nigerian History	Ancient kingdoms – the Oyo Empire and the Yoruba people; political organisation and cultural achievements
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Democracy – meaning of democracy; voting and elections; choosing leaders fairly

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	Cultural & Creative Arts (CCA)	Music – composing simple rhythms and melodies; playing a local percussion instrument
	Pre-Vocational Studies	(Agriculture) Rearing of farm animals: needs of growing animals, housing, and feeding (e.g. rabbits, poultry, guinea pigs)
	French (Optional)	Daily routine – simple verbs for everyday activities (se lever, manger, dormir) in short sentences
	Arabic Language (Optional)	Numbers 1–10 in Arabic – counting, reading, and writing Arabic numerals and number words

WEEK 6

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 6	English Studies	Comprehension – reading an extract from a play or dialogue; understanding characters' speech and reading aloud with expression
	Mathematics	Decimals – introduction to decimal numbers (tenths and hundredths); reading and writing simple decimals
	Nigerian Language (Hausa / Igbo / Yoruba)	Writing – forming simple sentences and a short composition in the chosen Nigerian Language
	Basic Science & Technology	Technology around us – everyday tools and machines that make work easier; how technology has changed over time
	Physical & Health Education (PHE)	Health education – communicable and non-communicable diseases; simple prevention methods
	Basic Digital Literacy	Internet research – using search engines effectively; identifying reliable websites and sources
	Religious Studies (CRS / IS)	CRS: David and Goliath – courage and trust in God / IS: Respect for parents and elders in Islam; lessons from the life of the Prophet (SAW)
	Nigerian History	Ancient kingdoms – the Benin Kingdom: the Obas, bronze and ivory works, and trade with early visitors
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Human rights – basic human rights of every Nigerian; respecting the rights of others in the community
	Cultural & Creative Arts (CCA)	Dance – choreographing a short traditional Nigerian dance routine in groups
	Pre-Vocational Studies	(Home Economics) Personal and family resources – money, time, and belongings; simple guidelines for managing resources well
	French (Optional)	Hobbies and free time – le sport, la musique, la lecture; saying what one likes to do
	Arabic Language (Optional)	Simple vocabulary – common classroom and family words in Arabic; matching words to pictures

WEEK 7

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
NOTE	<i>Mid-term review and assessment week. Teachers revise all topics covered in Weeks 2–6 with pupils, conduct oral and written mid-term tests, return and discuss results, and reteach areas where pupils need more help before continuing.</i>	
WEEK 7	English Studies	Revision of pronouns, comprehension of expository passages, prepositions and conjunctions, and direct/indirect speech; oral reading practice; mid-term test
	Mathematics	Revision of place value, addition and subtraction of large numbers, multiplication and division, and fractions; mid-term mathematics test
	Nigerian Language (Hausa / Igbo / Yoruba)	Revision of the alphabet, vocabulary, simple sentence structure, and the Week 5 story; mid-term test in the chosen Nigerian Language
	Basic Science & Technology	Revision of the digestive system, the circulatory system, forces, and electricity; mid-term science test
	Physical & Health Education (PHE)	Revision of relay athletics, football, basketball/handball, and gymnastics; mid-term PHE assessment
	Basic Digital Literacy	Revision of typing skills, word processing, spreadsheets, and presentations; mid-term ICT practical and written test
	Religious Studies (CRS / IS)	CRS / IS: Revision of all Bible / Islamic stories and lessons covered so far; mid-term religious studies test
	Nigerian History	Revision of the meaning of history, the Nok culture, and the Kanem-Borno and Oyo Empires; mid-term history test
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Revision of citizenship, levels of government, community institutions, and democracy; mid-term test
	Cultural & Creative Arts (CCA)	Revision of perspective drawing, Adire and Aso-oke design, sculpture appreciation, and music; practical display; mid-term CCA test
	Pre-Vocational Studies	Revision of agriculture and home economics topics covered so far: farming, the family, and personal resources; mid-term practical assessment
	French (Optional)	Revision of directions, shopping vocabulary, parts of the house, and daily routine; oral and written mid-term French test
	Arabic Language (Optional)	Revision of the Arabic alphabet, simple greetings, numbers 1–10, and basic vocabulary; mid-term Arabic test

WEEK 8

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 8	English Studies	Writing – informal letter writing: writing to a friend or relative; correct letter format and friendly, simple language
	Mathematics	Measurement – perimeter and area of squares and rectangles; using simple formulas to solve practical problems
	Nigerian Language (Hausa / Igbo / Yoruba)	Proverbs and oral traditions – meaning and use of simple proverbs in the chosen Nigerian Language; their cultural significance

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	Basic Science & Technology	The environment – pollution and conservation; simple ways of keeping the environment clean and safe
	Physical & Health Education (PHE)	Nutrition for fitness – foods that build strength and provide energy for active children; planning a healthy snack
	Basic Digital Literacy	Digital citizenship – online safety, privacy, and respectful communication; recognising unsafe online situations
	Religious Studies (CRS / IS)	CRS: Solomon's wisdom – asking God for wisdom; building the temple / IS: Kindness to neighbours and the needy in Islam
	Nigerian History	The Hausa states and the Sokoto Caliphate – origin, organisation, and influence on the region
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Leadership and followership – qualities of a good leader; responsibilities of a good follower in school and community
	Cultural & Creative Arts (CCA)	Drama – scripting and performing a short play based on a moral story
	Pre-Vocational Studies	(Home Economics) Cooking tools and equipment: identifying, using, and safely cleaning simple kitchen tools
	French (Optional)	Simple past tense introduction – talking about yesterday using simple, common expressions
	Arabic Language (Optional)	Reading simple words and short phrases; matching Arabic words to pictures and objects

WEEK 9

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 9	English Studies	Grammar – punctuation and capitalisation: quotation marks, apostrophes, and commas in lists; editing a short passage for errors
	Mathematics	Data handling – collecting and organising data; reading and drawing simple bar charts and pictographs
	Nigerian Language (Hausa / Igbo / Yoruba)	Conversational practice – asking and answering simple everyday questions in the chosen Nigerian Language
	Basic Science & Technology	Light and sound – sources of light and sound; how we see and hear; simple class experiments
	Physical & Health Education (PHE)	Swimming and water safety – basic safety rules around water; survival floating and staying calm in water
	Basic Digital Literacy	Introduction to algorithms – step-by-step instructions; simple sequencing and block-based coding activities
	Religious Studies (CRS / IS)	CRS: The parable of the Good Samaritan – kindness to neighbours / IS: Unity and brotherhood among Muslims (the Ummah)
	Nigerian History	Trade and early contact – trans-Saharan trade routes; early trade with European explorers along the coast
	Social & Citizenship Studies	National unity – symbols of national unity; promoting peace among different groups in Nigeria

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	Cultural & Creative Arts (CCA)	Mixed media craft – creating a class art display using recycled and locally available materials
	Pre-Vocational Studies	(Agriculture) Simple processing of farm produce; introduction to keeping basic farm records
	French (Optional)	Conversation practice – short role-play dialogues using the vocabulary learned this term
	Arabic Language (Optional)	Simple conversation – asking and answering basic questions in Arabic (name, age, greetings)

WEEK 10

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 10	English Studies	General revision – pronouns, comprehension, prepositions/conjunctions, direct/indirect speech, letter writing, and punctuation; first term English test
	Mathematics	General revision – place value, the four basic operations, fractions, decimals, measurement, and data handling; first term mathematics test
	Nigerian Language (Hausa / Igbo / Yoruba)	General revision of all first term topics in the chosen Nigerian Language: alphabet, vocabulary, reading, writing, and proverbs; first term test
	Basic Science & Technology	General revision – the digestive and circulatory systems, forces, electricity, technology, the environment, and light and sound; first term science test
	Physical & Health Education (PHE)	General revision – athletics, football, basketball/handball, gymnastics, health education, nutrition, and water safety; first term PHE test
	Basic Digital Literacy	General revision – typing, word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, internet research, digital citizenship, and algorithms; first term practical and written test
	Religious Studies (CRS / IS)	General revision of all first term CRS / IS stories and lessons covered this term; first term religious studies test
	Nigerian History	General revision – the Nok culture, Kanem-Borno, Oyo, Benin, the Hausa states/Sokoto Caliphate, and early trade routes; first term history test
	Social & Citizenship Studies	General revision – citizenship, government, community institutions, democracy, human rights, leadership, and national unity; first term test
	Cultural & Creative Arts (CCA)	General revision of all first term CCA topics: drawing, traditional art, sculpture, music, dance, drama, and craft; art display and first term assessment
	Pre-Vocational Studies	General revision of all first term agriculture and home economics topics: farming, animal rearing, family life, resources, and kitchen tools; first term practical test
	French (Optional)	General revision of all first term French topics: directions, shopping, the house, daily routine, hobbies, and simple past tense; oral and written first term French test

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
	Arabic Language (Optional)	General revision of all first term Arabic topics: the alphabet, greetings, numbers, vocabulary, and simple conversation; first term Arabic test

SUBJECT OVERVIEW – First Term Topics (All Subjects)

SUBJECT	FIRST TERM FOCUS AREAS
English Studies	Grammar: pronouns, prepositions and conjunctions, direct and indirect speech; Reading comprehension: expository passages and dialogue; Writing: informal letters; Punctuation and capitalisation
Mathematics	Place value to 1,000,000 and rounding; Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of large numbers; Fractions and decimals; Perimeter and area; Data handling and simple charts
Nigerian Language (Hausa / Igbo / Yoruba)	Alphabet and basic vocabulary; Reading simple words, sentences, and short stories; Simple sentence structure and writing; Proverbs and oral traditions; Everyday conversation
Basic Science & Technology	The digestive and circulatory systems; Forces and friction; Simple electrical circuits; Everyday technology and tools; Environmental conservation; Light and sound
Physical & Health Education (PHE)	Relay athletics; Football, basketball, and handball skills; Gymnastics; Communicable and non-communicable diseases; Nutrition for fitness; Swimming and water safety
Basic Digital Literacy	Typing skills; Word processing; Spreadsheets; Presentations; Internet research skills; Digital citizenship and online safety; Introduction to algorithms and coding
Religious Studies (CRS / IS)	CRS: Joshua, Ruth, Samuel, Saul & David, David & Goliath, Solomon, the Good Samaritan / IS: Conquest of Makkah, the five pillars, fasting, Zakah and Hajj, respect for parents, kindness, Muslim brotherhood
Nigerian History	Meaning and sources of history; The Nok culture; The Kanem-Borno Empire; The Oyo Empire; The Benin Kingdom; The Hausa states and Sokoto Caliphate; Trans-Saharan and early coastal trade
Social & Citizenship Studies	Meaning of citizenship; Levels of government; Community institutions; Democracy and elections; Human rights; Leadership and followership; National unity
Cultural & Creative Arts (CCA)	Perspective drawing; Adire and Aso-oke design; Sculpture appreciation (Nok and Benin works); Music; Traditional dance choreography; Drama; Mixed media craft
Pre-Vocational Studies	Agriculture theme: farming, land preparation, and rearing of farm animals; Home Economics theme: the family, personal and family resources, and cooking tools and equipment
French (Optional)	Giving directions; Shopping vocabulary; Rooms of the house; Daily routine; Hobbies and free time; Simple past tense; Conversational role-play
Arabic Language (Optional)	The Arabic alphabet; Simple greetings and expressions; Numbers 1–10; Common classroom and family vocabulary; Reading simple words; Basic conversation

IMPORTANT NOTES

Week 11: Revision Week – structured revision of all first term topics across subjects with pupil-friendly activities, games, and exercises.

Weeks 12–13: First Term Examinations – written, oral, and practical assessments as appropriate for Primary 5 pupils.

Abbreviations: CRS = Christian Religious Studies | IS = Islamic Studies | PHE = Physical & Health Education | CCA = Cultural & Creative Arts | PVS = Pre-Vocational Studies

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