



Jesus (the gardener) nourishes and tends us as we learn and grow, so that we can all flourish. As a vine, we are one, but all unique and special to Him. We care for each other, as God cares for us.



4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Year 5 Parents,

We would like to welcome your son or daughter into Year 5. We hope that they will enjoy the year, work hard to develop their knowledge and skills, and grow as an individual. We have had a lovely time with them so far this week and they seem to have come back with a great attitude and readiness to work.

Year 5 is taught by Miss Walsh on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Dowson teaches the class on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. Miss Flynn will be teaching computing and PSHE on a Wednesday morning. Miss Green is our TA every morning and Mrs Winder is our TA every afternoon.

Our PE lessons will be outdoors whenever possible. As the children will be wearing the active uniform every day (including trainers), there will be no need for them to have a PE kit in school. We will not be getting changed as the children should be dressed appropriately already. This means we will have more PE lesson time. If your child has recently had their ears pierced, they must be covered during school time until they can be removed safely. In line with Lancashire's policy, children wearing earrings will not be permitted to take part in PE sessions.

Year 5 will be swimming at Lancaster University Sports Centre every Thursday morning (1<sup>st</sup> session 12th Sept) this term. If you have already returned a goggles letter in Year 4 we will use these this year. If your child has decided they do wish to wear goggles then you will need to fill in a permission slip and return it to Mrs Dowson.

Instead of the Karate Reading Challenge, Year 5 and 6 children will be completing a new reading challenge. They will receive team points (for every 5 completed tasks) and there will be a reward at the end of the year if they complete the whole challenge. We expect the children to read at home daily for at least 15 minutes and for parents to sign to show this in their reading record. Reading, whether fiction or non-fiction, helps tremendously with their schoolwork and general progress in the classroom (as well as being hopefully very enjoyable in its own right!). Children can choose a reading book from school but we are also happy for free readers to bring their own books from home if they prefer, including magazines that they are interested in. There is a recommended Year 5 reading list at the back of your child's reading record for them to fill in over the year. Many of these books are great to share and discuss and Y5 children are definitely not too old to snuggle up and read alongside an adult or older sibling!

At home, your child should also continue to practise times tables as this will help them immensely with the maths curriculum. They will be set weekly spellings to learn which will be sent home on a Monday and be tested on the following Monday. We also expect the children to write sentences for their spellings to show that they understand the words and can use them in context.

Throughout the year the pupils are encouraged to do their best in every aspect of school life. Within the first two weeks, each child will be given a Reception buddy to support in the playground and in organised activities throughout the school year. The children usually really love this aspect of Year 5 and they are much valued by their buddies!

We are looking forward to teaching your child in Year 5 and we hope it will prove a most successful year with every individual making good progress academically, physically, emotionally and socially.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns you have either in person in the playground after school, on the phone via the school office or through our emails.

Yours sincerely,

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