



Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

Senior Leadership Team
Headteacher, Joanne Butterworth, Deputy Headteacher: Anna Quigg
Assistant Headteacher: Sarah Dodd

Year 5/6 2020-2021 Information

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5/6). We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some key information and introduce you to the Upper Key Stage Two team.

Teaching Staff: Miss Dodd, Miss Hughes and Mrs Hickman/Mrs Shrecker

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Jamieson, Miss Begum, Mr Robinson, Miss Bausor and Mrs Fanos

Communication:

As stated in Mrs Butterworth's letter, unfortunately you will be unable to speak to staff directly. However, if you need to tell us something please use our emails and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as we can. Alternatively if you do need to speak to us in person please ring the school office to make an appointment.

Email addresses:

sdodd@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk (Miss Dodd)

dhughes@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk (Miss Hughes)

bahickman@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk (Mrs Hickman)

Reading books:

Children are to have 2 reading books, this is not how we would usually operate our reading book system, however in the current situation this is the only way we can see to allow children to read both at home and at school. Children will have 1 reading book in school and 1 at home. Children will choose a reading book from the class book area to read in school; these will be kept on their desks. Children may select a reading book from the school book area to take home or they can read their own book at home. If school books are taken home, they can be brought in and swapped when finished as usual, however a 'returns' box will be used so that books can be sanitised and left before returning to the book shelves.

Homework diaries:

Homework diaries are to be filled in by the children and signed by parents on a daily basis, they are to be **sent into school on a Friday only** to be signed by the teacher and then sent home. Please do not send them in on any other day.

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Spellings:

Spellings will be stuck in their homework diaries and sent home on a Friday. Children will be tested on these spellings the following Friday.

Homework:

Homework will be set on *Google Classroom*. Information and codes will follow. However, the children should try to read and record their reading daily in their homework diaries, practise and learn weekly spellings and learn times table for a weekly times table test.

Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS)

All children will have a TTRS account; teachers will assign appropriate tables each half term. Please allow children to use this as much as possible in order to improve their times table fluency.

PE

All year 5/6 classes will be taught PE on a **Thursday**, on this day the children should come to school in their PE kits; blue shorts, red school PE T-shirt and trainers. We recommend that children wear trainers rather than PE pumps due to the fact that they will be wearing them outdoors at break and lunchtimes and PE pumps are not suitable for outdoors. In the event that the weather is colder children may wear plain jogging pants and their school jumper or cardigan.

The 'What we are Learning' booklet sent home with this letter outlines what the children will be learning about in all subjects for each half term. These will be sent home at the start of each half term.

Twitter

We will be regularly tweeting about what we are getting up to in school so please follow us!

@missdoddstm

@misshughesstm

@mrshickmanstm

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via email.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Dodd-Year 5/6 teacher/UKS2 Lead Miss Hughes -Year 5/6 teacher Mrs Hickman -Year 5/6 teacher

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