



# Year 5 Autumn Newsletter 2020



Welcome back! We are really happy to have you back in school, and are looking forward to the year ahead. We have been working hard to plan lots of interesting lessons and activities for you, here is an overview of what will be happening this term.

## Year 5 Team:

### St Thomas'

*Mrs Marshall, Mrs Hall and Mrs Caldwell*

### St Teresa's

*Mr Groome and Mrs Graham.*

## The School Day

This term you will not need to bring anything into school other than your water bottle, your phone (if you have signed the form) and your lunch (if you are not having school dinners). Please do not bring in any big bags or rucksacks.

## Homework Expectations

Over the past year we have made a few changes to our homework provision, some of which you were introduced to during lockdown. Instead of MyMaths, we will be using **Maths Factor** and instead of Spellodrome, we will be using **Spelling Shed**. We would also like you to continue using Bug Club for weekly reading activities. Homework will be set on a Friday and will need to be completed by the following Thursday. Spelling tests will also be on Thursday.

In relation to Maths Factor, the children are not limited to 2 sessions, they can complete more. In addition, within the Games and Fun section, there are Summer Club activities which has revision topics and After School Club which has maths tasks to help consolidate concepts.

	Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times Tables
<b>Year 5</b>	Reading daily for 15-20 minutes  At least 2 of these sessions on Bug Club	Spelling Shed  (You will have 10 words to revise - use Spelling Shed as much as you can)	Grammar Bug  (Complete at least 2 sessions a week)	Maths Factor  (Complete at least 2 sessions a week)	Times table Rock Stars  (As much as you can)

## Where to access the homework:

Your Maths, Grammar and Reading homework can all be found on Active Learn:

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

Spelling homework can be found on Ed Shed - <https://www.edshed.com/> (There is also a Spelling Shed app).

Times Table Rock Stars - <https://trockstars.com/> (There is also an app).

## Reading homework

We expect our pupils to read for 15-20 minutes per day to support their learning at school. Through reading and hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they read, which is vital as they continue

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to develop their narrative writing. As we cannot use reading records at the moment, we would ask that a minimum of 2 of your daily reading sessions are completed using Bug Club.

**RE:** In R.E. our first Topic is called Ourselves. We will look at our beliefs, talents and qualities and how we use them. We will show how our beliefs and values affect our love and care of each other.



**English:** Our English texts focus this term are: 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes and 'Dragon Rider' by Cornelia Funke.

**Science:** In Science we will be looking at Animals (Including humans) and Reversible and Irreversible Changes.

**CLC:** Our CLC topics will be 'Who were the Tudors and Stuarts?' and 'What was it like to live in Ancient China?'



**PE:** P.E. lessons will be on Mondays and Wednesdays for St Thomas' and Wednesdays and Fridays for St Teresa's. (Trainers are useful for outdoor lessons).

**Please ensure that your child comes into school on their PE days wearing a school tracksuit.**

## Medical and SEND information

We ask that any medication or asthma pumps are in school. Any medical or SEND information needs to be emailed to the school office - Addressed to Mrs Balcombe.

## Important dates

- Whole school virtual Harvest Assembly - **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**
- Mid-term reports - **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**
- Parent phone consultations - **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (St. Thomas')**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October (St. Teresa's)**
- Training day - School closed - **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**
- Half term - **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**
- Return to school - **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**
- Children's photographs (singles) - **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**
- Whole school virtual Remembrance Service - **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**
- Christmas Jumper Day - **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**
- Last day of term & Mid-term reports - **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

This term we will also be planning a Tudor Day where the children have many fantastic and fun activities to participate in to deepen their learning.



**Thank you for your support and we look forward to working together to help your child be the best they can be!**