



Year 5 Autumn Newsletter 2021



Welcome back! We are really happy to have you back in school and we 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 Claydon, Mrs Marshall & Ms Caldwell


St. Teresa's

Mr Groome and Mrs Haque

The School Day

This term you will be able to bring in a school bag / rucksack which should have your reading book, reading record and a water bottle. Remember to also bring your lunch box (if you aren't having school dinners).

Homework Expectations

	Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times Tables	R.E.
Year 5 	Reading daily for 15-20 minutes using the school library book.	Spelling Shed (You will have 10 words to revise - use Spelling Shed as much as you can).	CGP Grammar Book 2 pages to be assigned by the class teacher each week.	Maths Factor (Using your Active Learn login).	Times table Rock Stars (As much as you can).	Complete weekly page in the homework diary linking to the weekly Gospel reading.

Where to access the homework:

Maths homework: We are using Maths Factor. You can access the homework using your Active Learn logins - <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

Spelling homework: This 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 to develop their narrative writing. You will have a book from the school library which needs to be brought in each day. Reading records need to be signed and brought in daily too.

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.



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English: Our English texts 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.

Please ensure that your child comes into school on their PE days wearing the correct PE kit - see the school website for the correct PE kit list.

We encourage children to come to school with a refillable water bottle (no single-use plastic bottles please) to keep hydrated throughout the day.

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

Tuesday 19th October - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 20th October - Parents' Evening

Thursday 21st October - Mass for St. Ursula's Day - Children only

Friday 22nd October - International Day

Monday 1st November - INSET Day

Thursday 18th November - Year 5 Mass - Children only

Thursday 16th December - Autumn Reports sent to parents

Friday 17th December - Junior Christmas Concert at 1.30pm

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