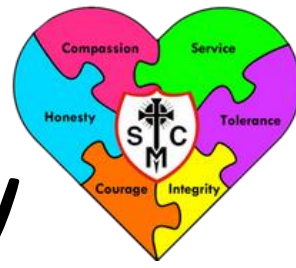


Year 5

Newsletter



Welcome Back!

Welcome to a new school year! We are so pleased to be welcoming our new class and have had a wonderful start to the year this week. We have experienced lots of exciting activities and spent time getting to know each other better as we set off on our new adventures this year.

Miss O'Neill and Mrs Brogan



Timetable

MONDAYS – Bring in Spelling Homework for Spelling Test. Spanish (every 2 weeks)

TUESDAYS – Times Table Rockstars checked.

WEDNESDAYS – Bring in Homework. Reading books changed.

THURSDAYS – PE Day. Children to come to school in full PE Kits.

FRIDAYS – Fitness. Children to come to school in full PE Kit. Music.



Reading at home

Reading at home is one of the best ways to help your child grow their vocabulary and improve their overall reading skills. Just 15 minutes of reading each night can make a big difference. When children read regularly, they learn new words in context, which helps them remember and use those words in their own writing. It also improves their understanding of what they read, making schoolwork easier. Unfortunately, more screen time and less reading have had a negative impact on children's reading habits. Many children are now reading more slowly and with less understanding. By setting aside time to read each night, you can help your child build strong reading habits that support their success in school and beyond.

In Year 5, we will be reading every day in class and we expect all children to read for at least 15 minutes at home every day. We will send home 2 reading books and pupils will choose a Reading for pleasure book from our class library. We will change reading books every Wednesday so all Reading Records must be handed in with a signature from an adult at home to say they have spent time reading each day with your support. If they are struggling with anything then please let us know by writing a comment in these books so we can support with any reading concerns.





Classroom Highlights

We have an exciting year ahead, filled with opportunities to learn, explore, and grow. Take a look at our learning overview but here are just a few of the highlights waiting for us in Year 5:

Reading - diving into a range of books that will spark imagination and build a love of reading.

Geography – North America and Europe

Science – Forces and Space

Art and design - experimenting with colour, texture, and new techniques to showcase our creativity.

We will also have the opportunity to take part in performances to showcase our talents to others.

Year 5 will be a year of curiosity, creativity, and confidence – and we can't wait to get started!



Upcoming Events

11th September – Start of the Year Mass

24th September – Meet the teacher – information to follow.

October – Black History Month.

3rd October – CAFOD Family Fast Day.

9th October – Harvest Festival Mass

17th October – LAST DAY OF TERM

3rd November – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

4th November – FIRST DAY OF TERM



Homework

Spellings – Spellings will be given out on a Monday. All children will be expected to learn their spellings for a test the following Monday.

Times Tables Rock Stars – pupils need to continue to develop fluency and speed with their times tables by practicing each day. On a Tuesday, progress will be checked.

Reading at home – All children to read at home for at least 15 minutes each day. Please sign and comment in your child's reading diary to indicate that they have read at home. These will be checked every Wednesday and books will be changed.

Important Reminders

Water Bottles – Please bring a water bottle everyday.

Healthy Snack – A healthy snack can be brought for breaktimes. This must be healthy and not contain nuts. Crisps, chocolate and sweets are acceptable.

Pencil Cases – This must include equipment to support learning. If these become a distraction they will be asked to leave them at home.

School Uniform – Full school uniform must always be worn, even on PE days. No black trainers. Smart black school shoes should be worn.

If you're interested in helping out, please let us know. Your involvement is greatly appreciated!

