



St. Michael In The Hamlet
Community Primary School

Year 5 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to the Junior Department. The Year 5 team consists of Mrs Brackenridge, Mrs Amal, Mr Hawkins, Miss Lewis and Mrs Ambrose. We all work very closely as a class team and all of us can be approached if you require any support. The Year 5 team have loved welcoming the children into our classes and we know that we have a very successful year ahead of us!

The Year 5 classes come into the Junior Building between 8:45 and 8:55 am, through the blue metal doors on the right side of the building. They are dismissed from besides the curved wall outside those same doors at 3:15 pm. Please could adults wait by the straight wall opposite the curved wall. Children will not be allowed to go until we see an adult for them to go to, please be patient as we learn to recognise families! Children in Year 5 are permitted to walk home, so long as school has received a written, signed letter to confirm this from a parent/guardian.

Children that will be bringing a packed lunch can place these on the packed lunch trolley located at the top of the Year 5 stairwell. If your child is having a school dinner, please pay via ParentPay. If you need help to set up a ParentPay account, please ask at the office for help. Each child should also bring a water bottle to use in school. Each child has a locker to keep their coat in and other belongings. Please make sure that everything is labelled with your child's name and class.

We use a sign in system each morning using the Zones of Regulation. This means we are aware of any children who are feeling sad, worried or angry, or who would like a chance to chat with an adult. If you, as a parent, have a concern then please contact the school office or catch a member of the Year 5 team in the morning.

Reading at SMITH

We love reading at our school and children will be encouraged as much as possible to read for pleasure and take part in all the wonderful reading events and activities we have in school throughout the year.

Reading books will be sent out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. If your child is reading longer books, taking more than a week, please return them on the Friday after they have finished, they don't need to be returned each week.

Each child has an Active Learn Primary account that we use to allocate electronic books and other resources. The website sends us an activity log each week and we encourage the children to access the electronic library as much as they can both in school and at home.

Times Tables

To support the maths curriculum, all children are encouraged to continue learning and practising their times tables up to 12 x 12. Regular practice is the best way to make times tables stick, so having them up around the house, listening to times tables songs and regularly using **Times Tables Rockstars** will help!

Spellings

Spellings are set on a Monday in Year 5. We will test three spellings each day to support the cognitive load placed upon children. Children should learn their three spellings each night prior to being tested the day after. Spellings will be tested informally using different strategies.

PE

PE will be held on a Monday with the class teacher. Please can children attend school on Monday in full PE kits: **white** top, **dark** shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings, **school** jumper, cardigan or hoodie and trainers.

The Year 5 curriculum is interesting, fun and knowledge rich. We hope you enjoy learning it just as much as we do teaching it. If you have any resources or expertise that you would like to contribute to enhance learning, please get in touch. Thank you for all your support, we look forward to working in partnership with you.

The Year 5 team.



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