



**St. Michael In The Hamlet
Community Primary School**

Year 5 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to the Junior Department. We hope you had a lovely summer and are ready for a fabulous year! We have lots of fun things planned and can't wait to get started. The teachers in Year 5 are Mrs Amal (5A) and Miss Letts (5L). All communication will be via Class dojo, Parent mail or on our school website so please ensure you check for updates. 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.

We use a sign in system each morning using the Zones of Regulation and/or the Roar scale. 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. In Year 5, we have regular 'Drop everything and read sessions,' where children and adults read and share books together.

We want to encourage all our children to enjoy and engage with books and reading and we ask you to support this process through our Home Reading Scheme. Children have the opportunity to use books from school OR home and their progress needs to be recorded in their Home Reading Record Book. Book bags need to be returned to school every Tuesday and new books will be returned to you every Thursday. If your child is reading longer books, taking more than a week, they can be returned whenever the book is finished.

Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform to school each day which consists of the following;

- Grey trousers or skirt
- White or grey socks/tights
- White polo shirt (with or without the school logo)
- Royal blue jumper or cardigan with our school logo
- Black school shoes with a low heel

Please ensure all items of school uniform are clearly labelled with their name and class.

P.E

This term we have P.E. on Mondays. Children need to come to school dressed in their school P.E kit; a white t-shirt/ polo shirt, blue school jumper/ cardigan/ hoodie with school logo, dark jogging bottoms/ Shorts and trainers (no football kits or crop tops please). Just a reminder that our school policy clearly states no jewellery for safety reasons.

Curriculum

Our creative curriculum topic for this half term is 'Heroes and Icons,' Please see our topic web which will give you an insight into all of the exciting things we have planned.

Homework

This year your child will be given a homework book, this will go home on Thursdays and needs to be returned on Tuesdays. In this book there will be a piece of English and Maths homework as well as the spellings for the week. Spelling knowledge will be checked on Fridays. On the inside cover of your child's homework book will also be their timetables rock star login, please encourage your child at home to continue learning and practising their times tables up to 12x12.

The Year 5 curriculum is challenging, 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.