



Year 5

A huge welcome to Year 5 from Mrs Clay, Mrs Duncan and Mrs Houghton!

The children have made a great start to the year and we have been really impressed by their attitude and enthusiasm in class. We are really looking forward to an exciting year of learning with interesting topics, such as Brazil and The Victorians, which we know the children will thoroughly enjoy. Below is all the key information for the upcoming term as well as a number of key dates for your diary. As always we'll be putting photos of what we get up to on our twitter page, @standrewsce, and our class website pages, so if you don't already follow us, then what are you waiting for?

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PE Kits

Could we remind you that PE kit is:-

- Black plimsolls
- Plain navy blue or black shorts
- White polo shirt
- All in a drawstring bag

P.E kits to be taken home at the end of the half term only.
Please name EVERYTHING!



Uniform and Equipment

Please may we appeal to parents that all uniform is clearly **labelled with children's names** to try to cut down on the amount of lost property and the time spent trying to find its owner. It would be useful if any packed lunch boxes are also labelled. Also, we ask that the children bring a water bottle into school so they have access to a drink when they want one, although this must be water during lessons. In year 5, children are still able to bring in a healthy snack for playtime, such as fruit, rice cakes, cereal bars, cheese, crackers etc. **Could we please remind you that snacks, packed lunches and birthday treats brought into school should not contain nuts of any kind as we have children with a nut allergy.**

Homework

The English and Maths books have stayed the same as last year. The children will be given certain pages in the books to complete, related to the work that they have been looking at in class. If there are any questions that the children are struggling with they can come and see us and we will go through it with them. **English homework is due back on a Wednesday and Maths on a Friday.**

Times Tables Rockstars will also continue to be an important part of our Maths homework. It really helps to improve the children's speed when recalling their times tables. Times Tables Rockstars is most effective when used regularly for short periods of time, rather than using it for a long period on one day.

Weekly spellings will be set on Spelling Shed every Friday, ready for a test the following Friday. Children are encouraged to access this regularly throughout the week to support their retention of each spelling rule.

Reading

Reading in Year 5 is as important, if not more so, than ever before and is part of pupil homework. We expect children to read at least three times a week at home, including once with a parent. **Rewards are in place for those who read and sign their record 3x or more a week, (at least once with an adult)** to encourage children to read as much as possible. Please could we ask you to look high and low for any reading books that may be at home, as we need to make sure that we are fully stocked.



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Key Dates

- 3rd October – Harvest
- 24th October – Break up
- 12th November - School Photos
- 17th/18th November - Virtual Parents' Evening
- 5th December - Christmas Dinner Day
- 8th December – Christingle Service
- 11th December - Carols on the playground
- 16th December - UKS2 Party day
- 17th December – Toy Day & Break up

Topics for this term

Below is a general overview of the topics we will be covering this term. For more information you can access our knowledge organisers for each subject on our school website.

Maths	Place Value, calculation, ordering numbers, fractions, four operations and arithmetic
English	Flotsam, Pandora and The Great Kapok Tree, non-fiction writing – letters, persuasive writing, instructions
Science	Space
Computing	Online safety Search engines
RE/PSHE	What would Jesus do? Why do some people believe God exists? Christmas around the world Relationships Protected characteristics - age British Values Respect and Individual Liberty
Geography	Brazil
PE/GAMES	Netball Lacrosse

Thank you for your continued support,
The Year 5 Team

