

Dear Parent,

I hope you have had a relaxing summer and I am sure your child is ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Class Five.

I am looking forward to getting started again and working together in order to have a very enjoyable and successful year. I hope that your child enjoys the new challenges that they face and will rise to them.

This term we will be studying the following topics: The Stone Age, Our Changing World, Great Artists through time, Evolution and Inheritance, Light, Compassion and the Christmas Story. Our first Literacy book will be 'The London Eye Mystery'. We will be using a mastery approach to teaching maths using the Maths No Problem scheme of work. There are maths videos to help support you and your child on the school website. RE and French will be stand-alone subjects.

A full PE kit needs to be brought into school every Friday. In the case of a child forgetting their PE kit, they will lose 5 minutes of their golden time. If your child requires an inhaler, please make sure there is one in school at all times.

For Homework this year, I would like you to make sure that your child has lots of opportunities at home to learn all of their Times Tables, the TT Rockstars app is perfect for this. Children can also use the Lexia, Sumdog and Spelling Shed apps so that they can practise what we are learning in class in Maths and Literacy at their own level of ability. Spending approximately 10 minutes a day on an app of your choice would be a realistic and suitable amount of home. Regular practise is the key to learning. I would also ask for your continued support with our Strive for Five Reading target, where your child should read aloud to an adult five times or more every week.

Spellings will be given out every Monday and Wednesday with tests on Wednesday and Friday. Please help your children learn these spellings off by heart so that they can use them independently in their school work.

Punctuality is very important and tardiness causes disruption. The children must be lined up at 8.45 am to begin the school day.

I have high expectations, both in and out of the classroom, regarding behaviour. Inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with accordingly.

Lastly, please ensure that you have your child's name on all school clothing.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards

Mr Lucey