

Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Executive Headteacher - Mr P Ackers Head of School - Mrs S Rudd

9th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 5! I am very much looking forward to getting to know you and your children throughout the year. I wanted to give you some information about Year 5 and our routines.

Reading books

In Year 5, it is expected for your child to read for at least 10-15 minutes a night. Frequent reading sessions at home with a parent is key to a child's success in reading, but also in many other areas of the curriculum. It is important that you comment in the reading diaries at least five times a week (with your child writing in daily when they have read). Please include the date and page number reached.

Spellings

Spellings will be handed out each Friday, and then tested on them the following Friday. They will also be available on Spelling Shed. It is important that your child practises the spellings each week as much as possible at home. Our first spelling test will be on Friday 16th September.

Homework

Your child will be given a homework book and a weekly task to complete that will support their learning in class that week. Homework will be given on a Monday and to be completed and returned to school the following Monday. As always, please ensure work is dated and only pencil used to help with presentation. Any loose sheets are to be stuck in with glue or Sellotape.

<u>PE</u>

PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. Children should come to school in their PE kit for both sessions. During the colder months, the children can wear plain navy or black jogging bottoms. A reminder that earrings cannot be worn for PE and should not be worn on PE days as Teaching Staff are not permitted to remove them.

Water bottles

Children can bring a water bottle into school so that they can have a drink throughout the day. Please can you ensure their bottles are named and only water, no juice, is allowed in the bottles. The water bottles need to be taken home every night.

<u>Snacks</u>

Our school snack policy remains the same – pupils can bring in fruit or vegetables Monday to Thursday and then Friday is our 'treat' day where children can bring in crisps or a cereal bar.

If you need to contact me at any time, please telephone or email the school office (info@mgl.srscmat.co.uk) who will forward on any messages

Thank you Miss Pasiecznik



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