

West Pennard Church of England Primary School

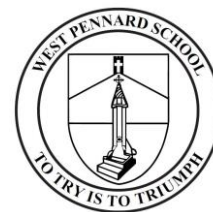


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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Class 5. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and now feel ready for an exciting new school year. Year 5 is a busy year in preparation for the consolidation of Year 6. As I am sure you can appreciate, there is much to cover. I am always keen to share the learning and development of your children and will be available after walking the children out at the end of the school day.

Enclosed with this letter is an overview of the curriculum that your child will be following this term and a few notes to help with the smooth running of school life. Africa is our humanities topic for the Autumn term, with the Normans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings being studied during the Spring and Summer terms.

We are privileged to have Mrs Rose O'Grady and Ms Audrey Truan as our very experienced teaching assistants in Year 5. They will be invaluable in working with small groups of children, hearing them read and helping to assess their progress. On some occasions your child may have their support on a one to one basis. We also intend to start a club before school, for Year 5 in order to offer support and help with numeracy homework. Further details of this will be given when the club is ready to commence.

P.E. will happen every week and children should always have the regulation P.E. kit in school. It can cause embarrassment and delays for children if they are missing key equipment. If the weather permits it has also been a practice to take Year 5 out for regular runs. This will be particularly relevant during the second half of term when we will be learning about how our lungs work and how exercise can affect our pulse rate!

Homework

The homework timetable	Given out	Returned/Tested
Maths	Monday	Following Monday
Spellings, punctuation and grammar	Tuesday	Following Tuesday
Reading	On-going	
Topic	Occasional	

Homework is designed to reinforce skills learned and practised in school the previous week. Please let me know if your child is having difficulty with homework or if it is causing anxiety for any reason. We suggest that Maths and SPAG homework take no more than an hour to complete. If you find it has taken this time and not yet completed, please let us know on the sheet that your child has given their best effort. It is advisable to look at your child's numeracy homework with them on the Monday, in case they need further support back at school.

The children should have free-choice reading books from home or school and some also have books from the reading scheme. It is important that the children read daily for up to thirty minutes max. Children

should record their booklist in their yellow reading record books. Please ask your child to discuss their new bookmark with you as these can provide a good aid to writing and reading comprehension. We will also continue with our weekly group reading sessions, which is a time when we can analyse and discuss particular features of a text.

I hope this letter has given you some useful information for the term ahead. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Emily Bridson