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Year 5 Newsletter 2021-2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

You'll be delighted to know that your child has had a good start to life as a year 5 pupil at St. Cuthbert's. I expect and hope that all children will continue their hard work throughout the year in addition to showing a high standard of behaviour during class and break times and consistently completing homework on time. Please see the overview of what your child will be learning about this half term. I have also outlined homework expectations and a reminder of PE dates and requirements.

Curriculum

Subject	Unit of work
Mathematics	Number and Place Value
Literacy	Sentence Structure
Guided Reading	Journey to Jo'Burg by Beverley Naidoo
Religious Education	Human gifts and qualities and the physical world as a gift and sign of God's love; how such gifts may be used, neglected or abused.
Science	Gestation in Animals Including Humans.
Physical Education	Athletics
Geography	Grand Canyon exploration of the key features, how it was formed and the surrounding environment and animals and plants that reside there.
Design Technology	Frame structures
Music	Keyboard lessons
Modern foreign Languages	French
PSHE	Families and friendships
Computing	Computing systems and networks: search engines.

Homework

Now that your child is in year 5, they should be beginning to organise themselves more effectively. Part of this responsibility is their ability to work to deadlines by completing assigned homework on time.

Homework will be assigned three times per week, with the deadline being 2-3 days after the work is given.
Each task does not require a lengthy period of time to complete. They should be completed within 15-20 minutes.

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Subject	Task	Distributed	Due
Mathematics	Arithmetic or reasoning questions (calculators cannot be used).	Monday	Wednesday
Writing	Sentence structure work or punctuation and grammar questions.	Wednesday	Friday
Reading	Comprehension questions.	Friday	Monday
Spellings	6-8 spellings based on year group spelling words and patterns. Children regularly recap previous spellings.	Friday	Following Friday
Reading	Fluency practise.	Minimum of three 10-minute reading record entries per week.	

Although I have stated that the children are ultimately responsible for completion of homework, I would appreciate it if you can support your child in completing homework on time each week. The amount of homework is much less than they will be expected to complete at secondary school and is set up to ensure children can focus on one task at a time. It is important that they use the next two years to develop organisational skills ahead of having a much busier schedule.

PE

Year 5 will have PE lessons on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Year 5 pupils need to make sure they have their PE kits in school. Each PE kit should contain a white St. Cuthbert's PE polo shirt, white school shorts and trainers or pumps. Please ensure that your child's uniform and PE kit is labelled to prevent any lost belongings.

Contact

If you have not already joined us on **Class Dojo,** please sign up to receive regular posts, messages and photos from lessons. Please visit www.classdojo.com/parent or download the free app.
In addition, please ensure you have downloaded the **MCAS app** which has replaced the Teacher to Parent messaging service. If you have any issues with downloading this app or login details, please contact the school office.

As always, children will be reminded of the class expectations of behaviour. The children will be required and encouraged to try their hardest throughout all lessons. I would like each and every child to continue their progress as an excellent learner and valued member of the St. Cuthbert's community this year. Your continued support is much appreciated.

If you have any questions, queries or comments – however big or small then please see me at the end of the school day, ask for an appointment or simply email me on: rea@ctkacademy.co.uk or alternatively message me on Class Dojo.

Kind regards,

Miss Starkey
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