



Welcome to Class Five

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome your child to Class Five. In Class Five, the aim is to develop children who can work in a team or independently, who enjoy their learning and who help others to achieve.

Staff

This year, Mr Leonardi will teach Class 5 On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Mrs Clarke will teach the class on Thursday morning. Mrs Davies will be working with small groups on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Thursday afternoon is designated PPA time. This is the class teacher's Planning, Preparation and Assessment session. In Class Five, this will take place on a Thursday afternoon; during this period the children will be taught Art by Mrs Huntley and Mrs Davies.

School Uniform

Please encourage your child to wear correct school uniform and school shoes. It would be extremely useful if all **items of school clothing could be named**. Children with long hair should have it tied at back at all times for health and safety reasons.

Physical Education

If your child is unable to participate in any sporting activities please let me know in advance, either in person or in writing. Children should have their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school **at all times**. Please ensure your child has appropriate P.E. kit, which should include:

For indoor sessions: a school t-shirt, navy blue cotton shorts, a change of socks, daps.

For outdoor sessions: a school t-shirt, a pair of dark or navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts, a change of socks and trainers.

Swimming

Children in Class Five will have swimming **on Monday afternoons during Terms 2 and 3**. Children should wear appropriate swimming costumes/trunks/shorts and children with long (shoulder-length) hair will need to wear a swimming hat. Children may also wear goggles. *Please note children require £1 coin for lockers.* An additional letter will be sent out shortly outlining more specific details about this activity, with dates.

Stationery

Children in Class Five are encouraged to use their own stationery. Your child will require a fully equipped, named pencil case, including: pencils, a ruler, pencil sharpener and rubber. Children may use a fibre-tipped ink pen (*dark blue ink only*) once they have passed their Milestone Three for handwriting. A folder or book-bag would be useful for children to keep all of their homework and belongings together. Spare fibre-tipped pens will be kept in class but there is a limited supply; it is important that once your child has passed Milestone Three they **bring their own pen to class**.

Homework

Homework is given to children in order to help reinforce their learning. In Class Five, all children have a Homework Book. Children will stick homework sheets into their Homework Books. Tasks will generally be set on a Friday and will need to be completed by the following Wednesday (early submissions are appreciated!) We will always discuss the homework activities when they are set to ensure the children have the opportunity to ask questions if they are unsure about any of the tasks. If you have assisted your child in completing their homework, it would be useful to know the extent to which help was given and if your child found any particular task challenging.

Reading Records

Reading is crucial, not only to development in literacy but across the Curriculum. Your support with hearing your child read at home and encouraging independent reading is greatly appreciated. Please encourage your child to frequently **update their reading record** and **bring it into school every day**. In the back of the reading record is a list of discussion questions. These are useful to facilitate deeper thought about the book being read and to develop your child's comprehension.

Outdoor shoes/Wellington boots

Please encourage your child to bring outdoor shoes/Wellington boots into school so they can play on the school field throughout the year. These should be named and kept in a named plastic bag.

I look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Mr D. Leonardi