



Diocese of Portsmouth

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

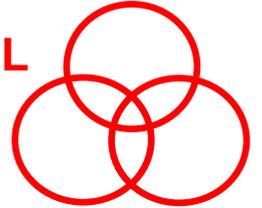
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5!

We hope you had a wonderful summer holiday and the children are all feeling ready to start the new academic year.

We are looking forward to getting to know each member of the class and seeing them progress as the year goes on. We are keen to work in partnership with you, so please do keep in touch and let us know how we can best support your child. You can contact us on class5@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk.

Our first topic is Invaders and Settlers and we will learn all about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. We will begin by learning about Anglo-Saxon times: their houses, language, customs, clothes and entertainment.

In our Science lessons we are exploring materials this term and investigating properties of materials and how they react when changed. We will be encouraging the class to deepen their scientific skills as they plan and carry out a variety of experiments.

Homework:

Homework will be given on Fridays and needs to be handed in by Wednesday. It will be marked that day so it is essential the children remember to hand-in / bring their homework in by Wednesday. The work will be set on Purple Mash as 2dos, so your child will need to look here for the work to complete. I would recommend signing up as a Parent to Purple Mash (code on the bottom of your child's login card). This way you can keep up to date with homework set.

In addition, we expect the children to read widely and regularly. One of the best ways you can support your child is to encourage their love of reading. We expect our Year 5s to keep a record on their Star Reader sheets of all the books they are reading and these will be checked on Wednesdays alongside their homework.

Your child will also bring home a login to Times Tables Rock Stars. This is an online program designed to help children progress in their times tables. We recommend





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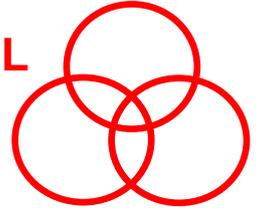
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them practising their tables for 10mins a day and help with tournaments set, as this will make all the difference to their learning in Maths.

Target cards

Your children will continue to have their own personal target cards for Reading, Writing, Maths and Science. These will act as a visual record for them to see just how much they have progressed throughout the year. The children will bring their Target Cards home on a Wednesday and must return them to school on the next day without fail.

School Uniform and PE kit

We are scheduled to have PE on **Thursdays**. Pupils are expected to have PE kit for indoor and outdoor activities, which includes suitable footwear. It is advisable for children to keep their PE kits in school all week so that they can take part in any extra physical activities that may take place at short notice. We are pleased to see the children return to school dressed smartly in their uniforms ready to learn and we look forward to this continuing throughout the year.

Water Bottles

Children should bring in a named water bottle, containing water only, so they are able to have a drink as and when they need one. Drink bottles may be left in school, but do need to go home every Friday to be cleaned.

Thank you so much for your support, we really appreciate all that happens at home to help your child arrive ready to learn. Please don't hesitate to contact us if there is anything you want to discuss and we look forward to an exciting term of hard work and new experiences!

Kind regards,
Mrs Attridge and Mrs Knipe

