



St John's
Primary School

**Welcome
to Y5**



Kit for School

Each week, the children will have two PE sessions, and a weekly Forest School session on a Thursday afternoon. Please help them to remember the appropriate kit they need for each session. For Forest School, the children need long trousers, warm top layers, a waterproof jacket, sturdy boots or wellies and a hat (for sunny sessions!). They should NOT wear shorts or cropped trousers as they will not be able to access all areas on the Forest School site safely. For PE, the children should have, in a PE bag, the following items; a plain white t-shirt, a pair of blue or black shorts, a pair of blue, grey or black joggers, a blue, black or grey sweatshirt, and a pair of sports trainers (not Converse type shoes please!) Children with earrings will need to remove them independently for all PE sessions – a little container to keep them in would be useful on PE days! Our P.E. days this term will be a Tuesday and a Friday, however, please make sure your child has their kit in school every day in case this changes. In addition, please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day, and brings outdoor clothing appropriate to the weather, including a waterproof coat or sun hat as needed!

Communication

We use the 'Class Story' feature on Class Dojo – which means we share photos showing what the children are up to, and examples of class work. Please remember that our Class Dojo needs to be, for safeguarding reasons, a 'closed' system—please don't share the photos we post to other social media platforms. We also post (hopefully!) helpful messages and reminders when appropriate. Although the messaging feature on Class Dojo is a two-way service, we have as a school decided to not use the messaging service as a method of communication by parents to teachers and ask you to continue to contact us through the office (via phone or the office email account) if you need to contact us, or pop in and see us before or after school.

Home Learning

Each child has a Homework Diary which I hope will help them remember what homework they have and when it is due in. Please make sure they have this in school with them every day. They'll also have a Homework Book for written tasks. Weekly homework in Year 5 consists of at least 15 minutes daily reading (which should be recorded in their Reading Record/ Homework Diary; Maths; Spelling/ Grammar and a reading task. Reading Records will be marked on a Friday.

Learning in Class

The children will have the following daily:

- Early morning tasks
- Assembly including focuses on the St John's values, singing, celebrating achievements and hobbies as well as observing other important dates such as Remembrance.
- Maths including developing arithmetic and fluency
- Literacy (Writing focus)
- Reading—mixture of whole class, guided sessions and individual reading

Other lessons which happen during the week:

- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
- P.E.
- Forest School
- Science
- Topic (Geography, History, Computing, Art, French etc...)

Helping Out

We really welcome any offers of help to support our learning in Year 5, especially with reading. Please do not feel you have to come in every week if you volunteer, just turn up as and when you can and I will allocate you children to listen to.

We also need occasional help when we go out on local trips. Please come and speak to me if you can help – we will really appreciate it!

Year 5 Staff

The staff in Year 5 this year are myself (Mrs Colbourne); Mrs Harbord; Mrs Harris; Mrs Lock and Mrs Plumb. The support staff will be working in the class at different times throughout the week. We are all really looking forward to working with your children this year!

Useful Dates

Y5 / 6 Trip to Oxford—walking tour linked to 'Up on the Roof' topic
(Wednesday 3rd October—details to follow)

PTFA Welcome Back BBQ
(Friday 21st September 5-8pm)

October half term
(Monday 22nd-Friday 26th October)

Break up for Christmas holidays
(Friday 21st December at 1:30pm)



Thank you!