



Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5!

We hope you have had a fantastic summer. It was an absolute pleasure to welcome the children back to school in their brand-new classes on Thursday.

This week the children have been settling into their new routines. We have taken time to start the new year recapping what it means to be part of the St Polycarp's family, looking at our school mission statement and school rules. We have also made a start on our Master Reader book 'The London Eye Mystery' and our first maths topic (Place Value).

Please look out for information about our 'Meet the teacher' session in the coming weeks and many thanks for continuing to support your child's learning.

Best wishes,

The Year 5 Team

Mrs Peneda, Mrs Gregson and Mrs Maliphant

Important information:

Library: every Monday for **all of Year 5**.

Games: very **Friday** for **all of Year 5**. Children should come into school wearing their PE kit on games days only.

PE for **Doves** class: every **Tuesday**.

PE for **Pheasants** class: every **Wednesday**.

For PE, children should come into school wearing their school uniforms and will change into PE kit at school.

Children will need to remove any jewellery for PE and for Games.

Reminder: no pencil cases in school.

Important dates:

'Meet the teacher' session – date tbc.

This week's homework update:

There will be no homework this week. Please continue to read with your children daily and remind them to practice their times tables. Updates will follow on how homework will work this year.

Reading in Key Stage 2 - Handy Hints:

- Make reading part of your daily routine.
- Short sessions – 15 minutes per day.
- Continue to read out loud to an adult as well as independently.
- Try to read a range of books including fiction and non-fiction.
- Complete the Accelerated Reader quiz at home, ideally within 24-48 hours of finishing the book.



How can parents help?

Reading improves with practice.

- Encourage your child to read at home, share your own books, discuss books, ask questions about the book they have read and visit the local library.
- Check that your child is completing the Accelerated Reader quiz – this will be part of their weekly homework.