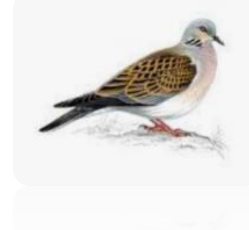




## Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

Yet again a very busy week for Year 5!

On Monday we had Farnham Library in school talking about the Summer Reading challenge and at the end of the day we had St Polycarp's Art Exhibition in the Pope Francis Hall. We hope you were able to come along and see the wonderful Year 5 display of Tiny House models, coastal landscape, cityscapes and some of the more recent work on our 2D collections of contemporary fashion designers. In Geography this week we have been wondering what we can do to support our oceans. In English we identified the features of a recount and watched the Oscar nominated animation Oktapodi, on which we shall base our recount.

The highlights of the week were the fantastic House Captains speeches. The children were well prepared and performed them confidently. We were extremely proud of them all! St Polycarp's Summer Fayre is taking place on Saturday between 11am and 2pm

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!  
Mrs Gregson, Mrs Maliphant and Mr Peebles.

### **Important dates:**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July Year 5 only Transition/Moving up (1.15pm -3pm) will go to Year 6 to meet their new teachers.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fayre

Parents' Evening- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term

### **RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Year 5 Summer term**

As a school, we will be teaching from Ten:Ten, a diocese-approved scheme. We recommend you watch the video on the Online Parent Portal to familiarise yourself with the curriculum's aims and methods of teaching. If, after watching the video, you have further questions, contact us via the school office. Please see below the topics we will be teaching and the weeks we will be teaching them, starting from next week.

We encourage you to have your own conversations at home with your children about this topic. The lessons on puberty are statutory as they form part of the science curriculum and all children should attend.

WC 7.7.25	Under pressure	Module 2 Unit 2 Session 1
WC 14.7.25	Reaching Out	Module 3 Unit 2 Session 1

### **PE**

Please ensure your child has the correct PE/Games kit including trainers. All PE and Games lessons will be outside on the field from now on. Remember to send in a hat if you have one

**If your child has borrowed any PE kit from school, please can it be returned as soon as possible.**

### **Catholic Social Teaching**

As part of our learning, we teach children how they can follow in the footsteps of Jesus in the way they interact and help others. If your child has taken part in any charity work, please let us know so we can share and celebrate this in school.

**STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)** – Calling all parents who work in these fields. We would love to hear about your work and experiences and hopefully encourage the children to follow in similar footsteps. Please let us know if you would be happy to pop into school sometime to support the enrichment of the children's learning.

### **Homework**

#### **TTRS**

**Children are to practise their times tables on TTRS for 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week.** There are weekly challenges to engage the children. Focus on those times tables your child needs to improve their speed and fluency on and select these in 'Garage'. Play 'Studio' to help St. Polycarp's climb up the local schools' leaderboard! **Two tasks will be set each week on Mathletics.**

### **Reading**

Please see below for the Key Stage 2 reading guidance.

When the children finish reading a book, they need to complete an online quiz at home before changing the book. Please be aware that both username and password are in lowercase.

**Please return all library books as soon as possible.** **Reading in Key Stage 2** 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 reading quiz – this is part of their weekly homework. Well done to those who already completed over 20 quizzes so far this year.**

**Spellings** are set every Friday with a spelling test the following Friday, giving children one week to learn them.

Year 5 Spelling	Mixed spelling
cereal	cereal
serial	serial
complement	complement
compliment	compliment
principal	principal
principle	principle
stationary	quality
stationery	quantity
wary	squat
weary	squash