



Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so proud of how well the children have settled into the routines of life in Year 5. Both classes have impressed us with their enthusiasm for learning, as well as their respect and kindness towards each other and towards the adults in the class. On Monday this week, the children had great fun working in small groups as they made healthy ice-cream as part of their DT project. In Maths we have enjoyed finding common factors, prime, squared and cubed numbers. We looked at acrostic poetry this week and as part of Black History Month we wrote an acrostic poem about jazz singer Evelyn Dove.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful half term break!

Mrs Peneda, Mrs Maliphant and Mrs Gregson

Upcoming Events

24th October – Break up for half term 3.20pm

Monday 27th – Friday 31st October Half Term

Tuesday 11th November **in person** Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 6pm

Thursday 20th November **online** Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 6pm

Parents Consultations Evenings: Please make an appointment with your child's teacher as soon as possible. If you are unable to make an appointment on these dates or require a slightly longer session to discuss your child's learning plan, please make separate arrangements with your child's teacher.

Doves Parents Consultations: Please aware Mrs Gregson will do in person meetings on Tuesday 11th November and Mrs Maliphant will do online meetings on Thursday 20th November.

Friday 28th November – INSET day (school closed)

Monday 1st December – St Francis Xavier Day (school closed)

Information

PE: Tuesday -**Doves only** Children should come into school wearing their school uniforms and will change into PE kit at school.

PE: Wednesday - **Pheasants only** Children should come into school wearing their school uniforms and will change into PE kit at school.

Library: Monday (Pheasants and Doves). Children need to bring their library book back EVERY week

Games: Friday (both classes) **Children wear their Games kit on Fridays all day.**

DT

£1 has been added to every child's SCOPAY account this week, to cover the cost of DT food projects for this academic year. The £1 is under 'Trips and Events.' Every year group does three food projects.

Please be advised that they also might need to bring in other food items as the teacher sees fit. Thanks so much for your continued support in helping us to provide an outstanding curriculum for your child.

Homework

There is no spelling or maths homework over half term. Please continue to read and practise times tables.

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.

Children should aim to complete as many quizzes as they can but are expected to complete at least 3 quizzes per half-term.

We have noticed that there are still some children who have not completed any quizzes since start of term. Check that your child is completing the reading quiz – this is part of their weekly homework. **Children can complete the quizzes at school during lunchtime homework club on Fridays if they are not able to do them at home. Please ask them to speak to their class teacher about this.**

[Find the link to AR here.](#)

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.



Times Table Rockstars (TTRS)

As a guideline, **children should aim to practise their times tables as much as possible, preferably daily.** Please encourage the children to practise those times tables which they are less secure with.

If you have any questions or messages for your child's class teacher, please come and speak to us at the end of the day or email info@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk.

