

When in Year 5 ...

Year 5 is a time for your children to grow in confidence, resilience and independence, and to help them develop and grow. Mrs Hart (Class Teacher) and Mrs Talaska (Teaching Assistant) will be encouraging the children to work hard towards achieving their best. We also believe that this is a key time for pupils developing their organisation skills ready for secondary school. They are responsible for bringing in their Reading Records and books daily, as well as remembering to complete and submit their homework.

When Government guidelines permit, the children will be given more responsibilities in the school. Every child in Year 5 is paired with a Reception child, who they will spend time with on a weekly basis as part of our Guardian Angels program. The children also have the opportunity to become a Sports Leader, where they are asked to help at sport events and at playtimes with leading games. As in other KS2 classes, some of the pupils will be on the Liturgy Team and others will be monitors in the school library.

In Year 5, pupils receive weekly spellings to learn, as well as a weekly piece of topic homework. Every half-term, there will be a piece of "make and do" homework set, which will allow children to show their creativity. You will find this on dB primary, where the children also upload their work. They should also be completing at least three Athletics tasks weekly.

In St Philip's class, we expect children to read at home at least three times a week and for this to be recorded in their Reading Records. On Accelerated Reader, pupils are rewarded with star badges for reaching milestones when they have read a certain number of words (ie 100,000, 250,000, 500,000 and 1 million words).



Children will be expected to write in joined, legible handwriting in all areas of the curriculum and they should earn a pen by the end of the year. We will cover a range of writing genres from narrative writing and poems to non-fiction genres such as instructions and explanations. Our writing is always linked to the topic as we aim for our work to be as cross-curricular as possible.

When starting Year 5, it is expected that pupils will already know their times tables up to 12 x 12, as this is a Year 4 requirement. We use this times table knowledge in a range of mathematics units so this is an incredibly important piece of knowledge. If your child is struggling to learn their tables, they should be using Times Table Rockstars on a regular basis, and all children have logins to use at home. In mathematics, the children learn a range of written methods for each of the four operations.



The National Curriculum requires all pupils to be able to swim 25 metres by the end of KS2. In the Spring term, our Year 5 pupils attend swimming lessons at Freedom Leisure in Littlehampton, where they are divided into groups depending on ability.

In St Philip's class, the children are given lots of additional opportunities to extend their learning outside of the classroom. In May, we take the class on an overnight retreat to the Sussex Heritage Centre, where they focus on a particular theme in the bible. Through drama, art and a pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral, the pupils develop a better understanding of spirituality and they learn skills for independence by being away from home for the night. We also develop our citizenship skills with projects such as the "St B's Project", working alongside St Barnabas House with some of their day patients.

NB Please note that all activities which involve meeting with members of the public or overnight stays, are currently subject to Public Health England Guidelines, and you will be kept informed about this.