

Welcome to Year 5



Our School Prayer

Dear Loving God,
You know each of us by name,
In your eyes we are all equal.
Help us to live and love as one global
family, sharing and caring for our
common home.
May we always help one another to be
the best we can be.
Amen
St John Fisher ... Pray for us



The Year 5 Team

Teaching Staff

St Ninian:

Mrs Stroud



St. Teresa:

Mr Clerkin



Support Staff

Mr Hall



Mrs Szczepaniak



Mrs Nelson



Mrs Filipiuk



Mrs Dunleavy



Mrs Ospelt



Specialist teachers:

Spanish

Ms Lovett

Music

Mrs Reuss

Games

Mr Walton

Miss Carella



Daily Timings

- 8:40am - 8:50am: Drop off
- 11:00am: Morning break
- 12:30pm: Lunch break
- 3:15pm: End of the school day.

Class timetables can be found on Google Classroom under Classwork -> Key Information



Equipment

PE & Games: Children must come to school **wearing their PE kit** on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

Water bottles: Please provide your child with a water bottle to be brought in and cleaned at home each day. Remind your child to refill these during break or lunchtime.

Fruit or vegetable snack: Lunch is not until 12:30 for Year 5. Please provide your child with a fruit or vegetable snack for break time.

Coats: Please check the weather forecast daily to ensure your child is dressed suitably when travelling to and from school.

Pencil Cases: - The school has provided a pencil case for each pupil, containing a handwriting pen, pencils, a ruler, an eraser, glue stick and a small selection of colouring pencils. Pencil cases must remain in school.


A reading book: can be brought in from home or the children can use the class book library.

Use of toilet facilities: ideally during break rather than lessons - if there is any issue with this please let us know.

Medicines: Please ensure any medicines are given to the office with a note signed by parent/carer. Please make sure all asthma inhalers and epi-pens are all up to date.



Year 5 - Autumn Term

YEAR 5 CURRICULUM NOTES FOR PARENTS AUTUMN TERM			
ST JOHN FISHER RC PRIMARY SCHOOL			
<p>HISTORY</p> <p>Event: Ancient Greece</p> <p>Understand the Greek achievements, beliefs and attitudes and their influence on the western world. Locate Ancient Greece, Crete, Athens and Sparta on a map; understand why the Olympics were held; to explore why the Battle of Marathon was fought.</p>	<p>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</p> <p>Topics will include: Prayer, Ourselves, Life Choices, Advent</p> <p>Big Questions linked to these topics: Who am I? Is commitment important? What does it mean to live in hope?</p>	<p>GEOGRAPHY</p> <p>As geographers we will study the following topics: Energy and sustainability Different types of energy, exploring non-renewable energy and the advantages and disadvantages of renewable energy Researching environmental issues facing our planet and discussing solutions. Know how to increase sustainability in the home.</p>	<p>ENGLISH</p> <p>Talk for Writing</p> <p>The children will study and analyse a model text before planning and writing their own. Suspenseful story opener and build up. Discussion text based on mythical creatures. Grammar Word classes, tenses, conjunctions, subordinate clauses, relative clauses, dashes and brackets.</p> <p>Spellings</p> <p>Following the No Nonsense scheme Year 5/6 statutory spellings.</p>
<p>MATHS</p> <p>Place Value</p> <p>Comparing, ordering and rounding numbers to one million</p> <p>Addition and Subtraction: Adding and subtracting whole numbers with more than 4 digits (column method) Rounding to estimate and approximate</p> <p>Multiplication and Division: Multiples, factors, prime and square numbers. Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000</p> <p>Fractions</p> <p>Recognising, comparing, ordering, converting and finding equivalent fractions</p>			
<p>SCIENCE</p> <p>As scientists we will study the following topics: Forces Plan, conduct and evaluate investigations on friction, air resistance, gravity, water resistance and mechanisms. Earth and space Capturing night and day, describing the movement of the earth and other planets relative to the sun, describing the movement of the moon relative to our Earth.</p>		<p>COMPUTING</p> <p>As digital citizens we will study the following topics: Operating systems and networks: Search engines Explain what a search engine is, suggest that things online aren't always free and recognise what to watch for (Copies who keywords are important and recognise the term 'copyright') Online Safety Year 5 Understand that passwords need to be strong. Search for simple information about a person. Know what bullying is and recognise when to help and when to help others.</p>	<p>ART & DESIGN</p> <p>Formal elements of architecture: Children learn how to draw from observation, create a print and draw from different perspectives</p> <p>Doodlers: Plan, design and create your own doodler. Understand the evaluative process. Demonstrate reflection in our evaluations.</p>
<p>PE</p> <p>As active learners we will study...</p> <p>Sports Leaders (PE) Football Circuit training (PE) Netball</p>	<p>SPANISH</p> <p>As global learners we will study the following topics: Greetings 5 timesable, the time, questions words, food, meal times, food at school or at home.</p>	<p>MUSIC</p> <p>As musicians we will learn about: Sea Shanties, we will sing songs and play bass notes and chords to accompany singing. We will learn songs for Singing Leaders.</p>	<p>PSHE & RSE</p> <p>As individuals we will learn about: Being Me in My World Oblivious, rights and responsibilities, rewards and consequences, groups and democracy Celebrating Difference Cultural differences, conflict, racism, numbers and never giving up, types of looking and happiness, respecting and appreciating other cultures.</p>

Curriculum notes will be available for you to view on the school website later this week.

Topics this term include:

- Suspense writing, Discussion texts and poetry (English)
- Place value, the four operations and fractions (maths)
- Forces including resistance and gravity. Earth and space (science)
- Ancient Greece (History) and Energy and sustainability (Geography)
- Formal elements of architecture and Doodlers; using an electrical circuit (Art and DT)
- Computing systems and networks : Search engines and online safety (Computing)
- Sports Leaders, Swimming (PE)
- Tag Rugby and Netball (Games)

Home Learning

Spellings: Monday (tested the following Monday)

Maths and English: homework assigned every Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.

Daily:

- Reading (15–20 minutes)
- Practise spellings
- Practise times tables and division facts (if you do not have your child's Times Table Rockstar login details, please email us).
- Children should spend approximately 30 minutes on each piece of homework.



Online Safety



- Pupils may **only** bring a mobile phone to school if they walk to or from school alone.
- Pupils must not use the phone on the school site.
- It must be handed in to a teacher upon arrival at school.
- Phones will be returned at home time but must not be switched on until the pupil is off the school site.
- Pupils have online safety training as part of the curriculum.
- Guidance for [online safety](#) and parental controls can be found on the school website.
- Mobile phones are brought to school at the own risk of the child/parent/caer.
- If a phone is not handed in but is subsequently discovered in a pupil's belongings, it will be held by school staff and the parent/carer of the child informed before its return.



Home School Agreement



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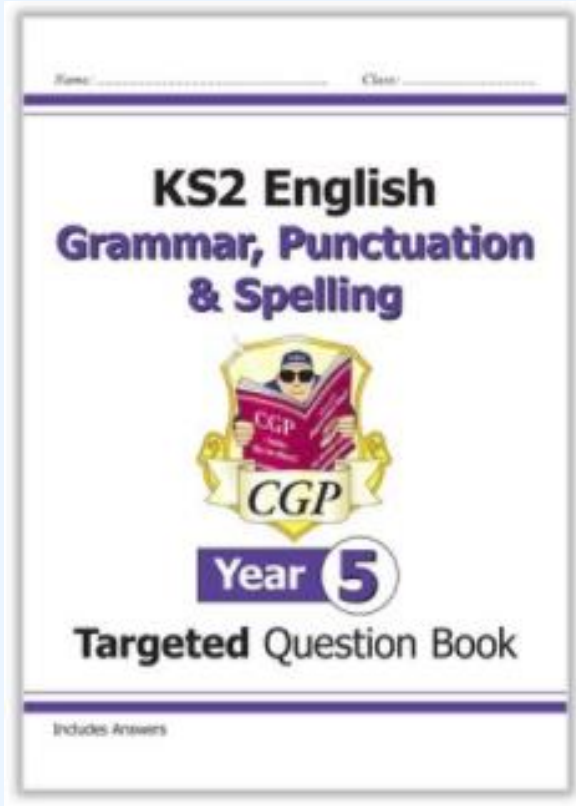
Home-School Agreement
2023 - 2024

Please click [here](#) to access the 'Home School Agreement' on the school website.

Please note that all parents will be asked to read and 'sign' the home/school agreement via means of a Google form.



English Curriculum



A very important part of the curriculum for English is the emphasis placed on grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS).

In order to help your child practise the skills taught, we are asking parents to contribute towards a workbook which presents the content in a lively and engaging manner. It costs £6.50 in shops but if bought through school will only cost **£3.75**. You can do this on Parent Pay and we ask that you do so by **Friday 22nd September**.

This book is to be used to support lessons in school and not designed to be worked through independently.

Education Well-being Practitioners



Our EWP's are a fantastic team of clinical psychologists, who deliver free online and in-house parent workshops, as well as individual programmes to support parents of children who are:

- showing signs of anxiety or worry (separation, fears, returning to school etc.)
- showing behavioural difficulties (bedtime routines, following instructions, struggling to regulate reactions etc.)

Our EWPs work directly with parents and carers. The program consists of up to 8 sessions with the parent/carer. These provide strategies and tools to help parents and carers support their child and feel more confident in responding to their child's behaviour.

For more information and to find a self-referral form, please visit the school website following the pathway: Parents & Carers > Well-being for All

Or click on this [link](#).



What is the PUPIL PREMIUM?

- The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011.
- It is additional funding allocated to schools to support pupils who have been registered for free school meals, for children who have been “ looked after” continuously for more than six months and for children of service personnel.
- This funding is given to schools to help raise achievement of children who require additional support with their learning and or emotional development and who fulfil any of the above criteria.
- SJF use the funding in many ways which includes additional 1:1 support, booster sessions, funding trips, additional lunchtime clubs and emotional literacy support. These initiatives regularly benefit all pupils not just those in receipt of pupil premium funding.

The link to the Pupil Premium form will be in this week’s headlines, and is also below:

[self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil Premium and Free School Meals application](http://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil_Premium_and_Free_School_Meals_application)



UNIVERSAL SCHOOL DINNERS

From September 2023, all primary age children (Reception to Year 6) will be entitled to free school dinners.

Primary school children in state-funded schools in London will get free school meals for the 2023/24 school year. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan is providing the funding as an emergency cost of living support measure.

The meals will help families with the spiralling cost of living by making sure that children in state-funded London schools will receive free school meals in this academic year.

The introduction of universal free school meals for the 2023/24 academic year could save families upwards of £440 per child.





Parents' Forum



The Parents' Forum is made up of at least 2 'class reps' from each class. The purpose of Parents' Forum is to provide a useful and productive link between school and parents; updating about events and consulting on future plans.

Class rep positions are self-nominated and open to anyone who is able to spare the time to attend meetings and is willing to make themselves known to parents from the rest of their child/children's class.

The role of a 'rep' is to help to foster friendly, welcoming and helpful relationships between the parents and carers of children in that particular class/year group; to liaise with school regarding support and help at fundraising events – and in doing so support the work of the PTFA.

As a school community we rely on the help and support of all our parents and carers. Becoming a parent rep one way of ensuring that our school community work together to achieve the very best for all.



Contacting Us

If you have any queries or concerns, the Year 5 email address is available to parents. We will aim to respond to urgent enquiries within 48 hours and all other queries within one week.

year5@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk

As we are unable to check emails during the school day, for issues that require our immediate attention please contact the school office by telephone. You may also contact them via email: **school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk**



Important dates

Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October via Google Meet.

Oct 20th is an INSET day.

Class Assemblies and Masses:

St Ninian Class Assembly - Friday 10th November 2023

St Ninian Mass - Wednesday 1st November 2023

St Teresa Class Assembly - Friday 23rd February 2024

St Teresa Mass - Tuesday 16th January 2024

Royal Albert Hall - Monday 11th March 2024 - evening performance.

To add the school calendar to your Google calendar click [here](#) and then click on the + symbol.



Thank you for your time.

You are very welcome to visit your child's classroom.

