

Meet the teacher 2025-26

Welcome to Year 5
Mr Caddick

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Classroom routines and rules

- ▶ School day timings:
 - ▶ Children should arrive at the Lowlands entrance from 8:30am - please be punctual and no later than 8:45am please. After the gate is locked, entrance will only be through front office
 - ▶ Children will leave school at the Lowlands entrance at 3:20pm - please be on time to collect children as we have very little flexibility with timings
- ▶ Importance of good punctuality and attendance
- ▶ Organisation in class:
 - ▶ Tables are organised in groups in the classroom. The children will be working on their 'home table' for all lessons
- ▶ Uniform and haircuts - a very good start!
- ▶ Healthy snacks at breaktime are encouraged - nut free!

Routines and Rules continued...

- ▶ Class charter:
 - ▶ The children and I have come up with an agreed list of class rules together at the start of the academic year
- ▶ The class rules are:
 - ▶ Put your hand up if you want attention.
 - ▶ Show respect to everyone and their property.
 - ▶ Keep your hands, feet and other objects to yourself.
 - ▶ Walk around school.
 - ▶ Always be prepared to work and try your best.
 - ▶ Use inside voices when inside school.

Routines and rules continued

► Our consequences are:

1. A verbal warning is given by the teacher if a rule is broken
2. Lose 5 minutes of your breaktime
3. Lose 10 minutes of your breaktime
4. Time out in the shared area between Years 4 and 5
5. See Mrs Johnston and parents informed

Subjects and Timetable

- ▶ Please see the 'Parent Planners and Knowledge Organisers' section of the Year 5 class webpage for the parent planner listing topics covered this year
- ▶ The main topics we will cover this year in History, Geography and Science are:
 - ▶ The Vikings (History)
 - ▶ The Ancient Maya (History)
 - ▶ Leisure and Entertainment in the 20th Century (History)
 - ▶ Maps and Mapping (Geography)
 - ▶ European Geography - Scandinavia (Geography)
 - ▶ Biomes (Geography)
 - ▶ Materials and their properties (Science)
 - ▶ Animals and their lifecycles (Science)
 - ▶ Forces (Science)
 - ▶ Plant lifecycles (Science)
 - ▶ Earth, Moon and Sun (Science)
 - ▶ Life Cycles of humans - 'growing up' (Science/RSE): see a separate email about the RSE portal

Classwork and Assessments

- ▶ Independence - children will be expected to work with an increasing amount of independence as the year progresses to ensure that they are prepared for Year 6
- ▶ Arithmetic tests - every other week (starting from this week), children will sit a 30 minute arithmetic test in the Maths lesson. This will cover addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as fractions, percentages and decimals. Please take a copy home.
- ▶ Times table tests - every other week, children will be tested on 'Bronze', 'Silver', 'Gold' and 'Platinum' levels of times tables. To help prepare for this, Timestable Rockstars will be set for homework each week. The tests can also be found on the website.
- ▶ Spelling tests - children have already been given a list of spellings to practise for a test next Monday. Spellings will always be tested in English lessons on Monday and new spellings will be practised on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in class.
- ▶ Assessment weeks - children will sit more formal assessments in reading, grammar, punctuation, spelling and Maths three times a year. The children will have notice of these tests and results of these tests will be reported to parents at parents evening and in the end of year report.

Homework

- ▶ Spellings - please help your child to practise their weekly spelling list using look/say/cover/write check, writing the spellings in sentences, rainbow write, pyramid words or any other method that works for them
- ▶ Times tables - by the start of Year 5 children should know all of their times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12. Help your child to learn the tables that they struggle with and use Timestable Rockstars to test them
- ▶ Reading journals - children will bring home a reading journal within the next few days. Children will be expected to complete ONE activity a week to the best of their abilities. I will always choose at least one 'reading journal of the week' award as an incentive
- ▶ Reading at home - I encourage parents to hear their children read as often as possible and at least twice a week. Reading to your child regularly is also a great way for your child to develop a love of reading and to learn new vocabulary
- ▶ Other homework
 - ▶ History/Science/Geography - children will bring home a project homework sheet
 - ▶ Comprehension - this will start later in the year

PE

- ▶ PE days:
 - ▶ Monday: Swimming (for this half term) - same arrangements as last year
 - ▶ Wednesday afternoon: Dance/Gymnastics with Mrs Swan
- ▶ Please make sure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit. Please remove earrings on PE days.
- ▶ Swimming - please make sure your child has a swimming hat and teach them to put it on

RE

- ▶ Prayer bag - the prayer bag will be sent home each week. Please find time as a family to share prayers and I ask that the children write a prayer in the class prayer book
- ▶ Prayer services - children will be expected to lead a short prayer service with the class. More details to follow
- ▶ Values and virtues - Our statements for this half term are ELOQUENT and TRUTHFUL
- ▶ Mass dates for this half term are:
 - ▶ Wednesday 10th September: whole school Mass in the hall
 - ▶ Tuesday 16th September: Class Mass in Church
 - ▶ Wednesday 24th September: Y5 lead Parish Mass in school hall

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES!

- ▶ INSET day - Friday 3rd October
- ▶ Individual school photos - Monday 6th October
- ▶ Alton Castle
 - ▶ Dates: Wednesday 8th October → Friday 10th October
- ▶ Year 6 Confirmation in Church - Thursday 16th October 6pm
- ▶ Assessment week - Monday 3rd/10th November
- ▶ Parents' Evening - Thursday 20th November
- ▶ Vocations Afternoon #1 - Friday 28th November
- ▶ Christmas Fayre - Friday 5th December

Communication

- ▶ ‘Headlines’ newsletter every week
- ▶ The website should be your first port of call
- ▶ Email me on tcaddick@st-annes.walsall.sch.uk

Any questions?