

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to school!

It has been lovely getting to know our new class, and we are so proud of how quickly the children have settled into the Year 5 routines. We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead and to supporting every child in all aspects of their learning and personal development.

The adults working with Year 5 this year are:

- **Miss Marron** – Class Teacher (Monday and Tuesday)
- **Mrs Mather** – Class Teacher (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)
- **Mrs Phillips** – Classroom Assistant

Reading: Reading continues to be an important focus in Year 5, and we encourage the children to read as much as possible, both independently and with an adult. Research shows that children make the greatest progress in reading comprehension when they spend time at home discussing what they have read. In Year 5, talking about a text and asking questions often has a greater impact than simply reading aloud. Please complete the weekly reading tasks, which will be stuck into the reading diaries every Friday, and sign each reading entry. The children are always excited to receive a reading token for their efforts at home.

Homework: Homework will be given out every Friday and should be returned the following Friday. It will consist of a maths activity and a reading comprehension task. Please ensure your child brings their completed homework into school each Friday morning so that we can go through it together in class.

Spellings: Spellings will be tested every Friday. Children should complete both their weekly spelling task and the practice activity in their spelling booklet during the week as part of their homework. Weekly assignments will also be set on Spelling Shed to help them practise the spelling patterns. Login details can be found in the front of your child's reading diary.

Times Tables: Times tables are a vital part of the maths curriculum, particularly in Year 5, where much of the learning involves fractions, decimals and written methods for multiplication and division. Regular practice at home will help your child develop instant recall of multiplication and the related division facts. TT Rock Stars login details can also be found in the front of the reading diary.

Pencil Cases: Please provide your child with a sensibly sized and fully stocked pencil case containing:

- 2 black handwriting pens (not biros)
- 2 pencils
- A rubber
- A ruler
- A sharpener
- Coloured pencils

If you have any concerns at any point during the year, please do not hesitate to contact us by letter, email or telephone through the school office. Please remember that no concern is too small. If something is important to you or your child, it is important to us.

We are looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your child has a happy and successful Year 5.

Best wishes,

Mrs C. Mather and Miss Marron
Year 5 Class Teachers