



Building Each Other Up in Love and Learning

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your families have had a restful break over the festive period and that your children are ready and keen to start their second academic term in Year 5! As a staff team, we cannot wait to get back to teaching the children and enjoying this journey with them together.

Reading

It is impossible to over emphasise the positive impact that reading has on your child's education and development. This key life skill, when learned and enjoyed at an early age, will improve your children's independent writing, expand their vocabulary, broaden their viewpoint on life, improve their concentration and expand their imagination. For these reasons, we would ask that you devote a little time each day for reading together with your child. Whatever form these sessions take: whether you share a book, take it in turns to read, listen to your child read or you are there to pose questions about what has been read, this is one of the best ways you can help your child flourish as a learner!

SORA Reading

Sora - The student reading app, by OverDrive! Sora provides the quickest and easiest way to get started with digital titles from our school. You can simply log in using school credentials and instantly access hundreds of eBooks and audiobooks on virtually any device. Get started today at <https://soraapp.com> or download the free Sora app for Android or iOS. For easy access, our school's setup code is **000760-**. You must include the dash before you enter your barcode number on the end and then your child's personal code which has been given to them.

Please can you ensure that your child's reading record is signed every evening by a parent or guardian. Children should be reading at least 20 minutes a day.

Accelerated Reader

The website to log on to is: <https://ukhosted59.renlearn.co.uk/6712885>

The child's user name comes from the initial of their first name and then the first 4 letters of their surname.

Eg: Megan Tomlinson would be mtoml

Spelling

We really value your support in helping your child to learn the spellings which they bring home on a weekly basis. Opportunities are given during the school day for the children to learn these spellings. We encourage you to check that your child is completing these weekly spellings, accessing Readwriter and rehearsing their new words each evening ahead of their spelling tests they will receive in class.

Please note that spellings are set on a Monday and tested on a Friday. These will be available on Readwriter.

Times Tables Rock Stars

The website to log on to is: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

The child's username is their surname with a capital letter. All children have been given their passwords confidentially.

Please encourage your child to complete at least 15 minutes of TTRS each day. Tables will be set beyond the 12 x tables for those already fluent up to 12 x.

Google Classroom

The Year 5 Google Classroom will be a hub for everything the children need to support them with their learning this academic year. Please encourage your child to check this frequently to ensure they utilise additional resources. Children have joined their new classroom in school already and have all secured access to this.

Homework

This year all homework will be completed online via the Google Classroom and other online platforms that your child is already familiar with (Readiwriter, Mathletics, TTRS, Accelerated Reader etc.). Reading homework is logged in your child's reading journal.

Timetable

You will have access to your child's weekly timetable for the Spring Term on their Google Classroom, however please do be aware this is changeable week on week depending on trips, visitors etc.

PE and Games

Our PE and Games are as below. Please may we ask that children attend school on these days in their St. Stephen's PE kit with spare trainers in a separate bag in case of wet and muddy weather. A waterproof jacket and a water bottle should also be available at all times in school but specifically on these days.

- 5DN PE - Tuesday
- 5MT PE - Wednesday
- Year 5 Games - Thursday

If your child has a sports club before or after school, they **must** change into their school uniform when it is not PE or Games days. **School uniform includes school shoes and not trainers.**

Communication and Dates

As always, if you have any concerns, worries or just want a quick informal chat, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either of us via the year5@st-stephens.richmond.sch.uk inbox.

We very much look forward to the academic year ahead!

Kindest Regards,

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