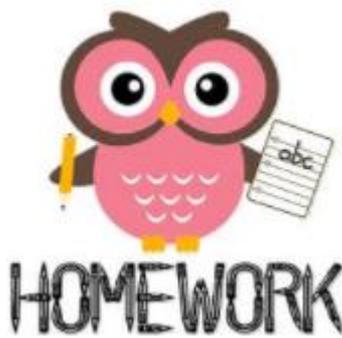


Year 5 Newsletter.

Welcome back to St James. We hope you had a wonderful half term and are eager to get started again. To kick start our new term we have enjoyed a brilliant Hook Day where we were immigrants for a day. We arrived at St James Island where we had our fingerprints, ID photos and height taken and our details collected. We have also had a marvellous day with the artist Tony Bullock. We created portraits of immigrants who came to Bradford from around the world.



Homework:

Homework is set weekly. It goes out on a Friday and is due in on the follow Wednesday. Each child is expected to complete a piece of Maths, Spelling and English every week. As well as homework being completed to a high standard we also expect every child to read every day for 10minutes. This should be recorded in the children's Homework Planners, planners are checked every Wednesday to ensure the children are reading regularly.

Times Tables and Spellings:



By the end of Year 5 the children are expected to know and recall their times tables facts up to 12x12. They are also need to know and recall the inverse of these facts (division)

The children will be tested weekly on their times table knowledge so please practise with your children regularly at home. If you have any difficulties with this please speak to either Miss Spivey or Mrs Allingham. Please find attached a times table chart to help you.

Moreover, the children are expected to know and spell correctly the spelling list for Year 3/4. These should be spelt correctly in all work and should be embedded solidly. As well the Year 3/ 4 spelling words the children also need to be spelling correctly the Year 5/6 words. It is important that the children are familiar with these words as they form part of our end of year assessment. Please find attached the 2 spelling list for you to practise with your child with at home.



Reading:

A vital part of your child's education is reading. We expect every child to read for 10 minutes a day with an adult. These reading sessions should be recorded in the children's Homework Planners. Every week the children are given the opportunity to change their reading book from our school library. The children should be changing their book once a week to ensure they are reading a wide range of texts which challenge them appropriately. The children fantastic readers who are able to read fluently however, they struggle to retell and answer comprehension questions. Please support your child at home with this important skill.

Winter Weather:

As it we progress into winter it imperative that the children come to school in appropriate clothing. The children will need to have a warm, waterproof winter coat with a hood. They will also need suitable, waterproof footwear. If your child would like to bring a change or footwear for playtimes please send them to school in a named bag.



School Council:

A huge congratulations to our class school councillors for being elected by their peers to represent them. It is huge honour and a big responsibility which they have fully immersed themselves in. The school councillors for Marvellous Monkeys are: Jake Peel and Maddilynn Thornton. Dancing Dolphins they are: Leo Robinson and Glenys Sargunarajan.

Upcoming Special Days:

We have some special and exciting days upcoming this term, these include our Christmas Craft afternoon on the 1st December where parents are invited into class to help the children create decorations and crafts to help celebrate Christmas. We also have our final topic celebration on the 8th December where we would like the children to bring in food from their heritage and culture. This will form our finale of our topic and help show the diverse community in which we live.

Celebrations and Special Days