


# Year 5 Bulletin



St Mark's Junior School

## Term 1

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015

### Welcome to Year 5!

A warm welcome is extended both to the children and their families in Year 5! We have had a superb start to the year and have enjoyed a variety of team work challenges and activities to help the children settle in their new class groups.

The majority of you will be familiar with St Mark's expectations and routines. However, this letter aims to outline a few key points to remember to help support your child.

### Year 5 Reading

Although your child has the opportunity to develop their reading skills in Guided Reading sessions each week, we continue to encourage them to read as much as possible at home. This year we are introducing a Year 5 reading challenge! Please see letter with additional details. It is so important time is taken to both listen to children read and question them about what they have read. Encouraging them to think about and discuss characters, settings and story plots, layout etc. can make a huge difference to their reading development.

### Independence

In Year 5 we expect children to be completely independent at organising themselves and their time. The children have written in their Communication Books that PE is on Friday morning and Games is on Monday afternoon. We would be grateful if you could ensure that all PE bags are in school and ready to use on these two days. We do ask that parents support us in monitoring completion of home learning activities, including daily reading and times tables practice. Please do drop us a note if you have any questions or concerns about home learning.

### Y5 Home Learning Expectations

Home learning will be starting this week. In Year 5 home learning will be set in a two week cycle and will be shared on the second Friday afternoon then checked by the class teacher.

During this term children will receive:

- Maths home learning, weekly on My Maths

We have found that the opportunity for children to share their homework with a peer has been a very enriching experience.

Home learning will always be relevant and linked to our classwork. We would be very grateful if you would continue supporting your child by monitoring their regular Home learning.

What if there is no computer access at home? Well that answer is easy as we have a:

### Home Learning Club!

Every Thursday lunchtime, we will run the Y5 home learning club which, we hope, will give children the opportunity of a quiet environment and support from a teacher to complete their homework. Children can attend weekly or just on the occasions when they have had a particularly busy week outside of school and have struggled to fit in home learning at home!

### Home Communication Books

In Year 5 we continue to use the buff coloured home communication book for either you or your child's class teacher to send a message. These will be checked every Monday. If they have a message at any other time in the week, children will be expected to hand these to their class teachers.

### Parent Support

As a school, we encourage parents to be fully involved in the education of their children. If you would be willing to help us in school in any way, we would be delighted to hear from you. We are keen to have a reading helper for each class.

Please do pop and see us if you have any questions or queries. We are here to help!

*Mrs Reidy, Miss Mansell, Miss Moulard*