

# ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

A very big welcome back to school! It has been lovely getting to know our new class and we are so proud of how the children have all settled so quickly into the Year 5 routines. We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead and supporting all aspects of their personal progress.

Adults who will be working with Year 5 during the year are:

Miss Marron: Class Teacher (Monday and Tuesday)  
Mrs Mather: Class Teacher (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)  
Mrs Hudspith: Teaching Assistant  
Miss Sulman: Teaching Assistant

**Reading:** This continues to be an important focus in Year 5 and we are keen that the children read as much as possible, both to an adult and silently to themselves. It has long been recognised that children make the most progress in reading comprehension when they spend time at home discussing the text. Detailed questioning has a greater impact on progress in Year 5 than reading aloud. **Please complete the weekly reading tasks which are stuck into the diaries every Friday and sign each reading entry.** The children are always excited to receive a reading token for their efforts at home.

**Homework** will be given out each Friday to hand in the following Friday. Homework will consist of a maths activity plus a comprehension reading task. Please ensure the children have their homework with them each Friday morning as we will go through it in class.

**Spellings** will be tested every Friday. The children need to complete their weekly spelling task and the practice activity (within their spelling booklet) during the week as part of their homework. Tasks will be set weekly on the Spelling Shed website to assist them with learning the different patterns. Login details will be in the front of your child's reading diary.

**Times tables** are a vital part of the maths curriculum, particularly in Year 5 where a substantial part of the maths learning involves fractions, decimals, written methods for multiplication and division. It would be useful if you could complete regular times tables practise with your child in order for them to gain instant recall for both multiplication and related division facts. TT Rockstars login details will also be in the front of the reading diaries.

**Pencil cases:** Please provide your child with a fully stocked pencil case including 2 black pens (not biros), 2 pencils, rubber, ruler, sharpener and coloured pencils. Pencil cases shouldn't be too big and only **one** is required!

If you have any concerns at any point during the year, please do not hesitate to contact us by letter, email or by phone through the office. Please remember no problem is too small. Anything that is important to you and your child is important to us.

Best wishes,

Mrs Mather and Miss Marron  
Year 5 Class Teachers