

Welcome to Year 5's Meet The Teacher!

5A – Miss Iesini/Mr Hunt

5E – Miss Miller

5L – Mr Morrissey/Mrs Butcher

TAs – Mrs Nicolaou, Mrs Sparwell &
Miss Colleymallay



SMAB Rules

- School begins at 8:25am.
- Correct uniform and PE kit.
- Earrings – studs not hoops.
- Children must bring in their Accelerated Reading book everyday.
- Permission slips – please give to the class teacher and any payments via ParentPay



PE sessions

- 5E – Thursday/Friday (Swimming)
- 5A – Tuesday / Friday (Swimming)
- 5L – Thursday / Friday (Swimming)

All classes will have swimming on a Friday from
Friday 20th September

On occasion, PE dates may change. As much as possible, we will update children prior but please ensure they have their kit everyday in case.

Reading

- Daily reading is an essential part of their learning – it enhances their creative thinking and writing skills.
- Reading should be a pleasurable experience – pupils should read something that is of interest to them.
- We encourage 30 mins of reading per day
- Some children are happy to read alone and therefore are able to complete their Reading Record independently.
- Others may need support or enjoy reading to a parent or relative.
- Please try and make a comment in their diary. It's a quick and efficient way for us to communicate with each other.
 - You can comment on discussions you've had with your child about the themes or plot within the book; if your child has found a certain sound tricky to read or if you have discussed a word and they were unsure of it's meaning.
- It's just as important for the children to listen to stories. This is when they are going to pick up new vocabulary, expression and punctuation.

Spelling

- The children will be coming home with a list of spelling words to learn every week.
- Please encourage them to practice daily.
- Tested weekly (5L/5A Wednesday, 5E Thursday)
- Where possible, please support their learning if you can.



Maths

- It is extremely important that the children learn their multiplication facts off by heart.
- Your child should know their times tables up to x12, but regular practice is essential.
- Not only must the children know them, but they need to be able to recall them rapidly and know the inverse (opposite) division facts.
- Playing games either on the computer/iPad or playing with friends and relatives really can improve this skill.
- The more regularly that your child accesses Times Tables Rock Stars, the more fluent they will become with these number facts.
- This is the backbone of so many parts of Maths and is vital in order to ensure they succeed.

Topics

- Most of our learning is through our various topics.
- We have started learning about Growing Learners and the children are thoroughly enjoying it. We have been looking at how we learn and skills that we need when learning about new things.

Other topics this year will include:

- Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings
- Our Community
- Young Entrepreneurs
- Active Planet



Handwriting

At SMAB we encourage children to write using the *Cursive Style* of handwriting.

There is a handy link on our website in order to help support your child.

<https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/>

Benefits:

- Over time, pupils will write faster.
- Helps with spelling.
- Legible – important in school progression.



Trips

- Throughout the year we will be going on a variety of trips either as an entry point to a topic or to consolidate our learning.
- We will notify you of any upcoming trips via letters and updates on Class Dojo.





Home Learning

- 10 spellings per week.
- 5/6 entries in their reading record per week.
- TT Rock Stars
- Home Learning grid – variety of fun and engaging tasks to do with/without a parent/carer.
 - Bring your completed task in on a Tuesday and it will be marked, checked and, importantly, used in class to help in lessons!



Rewards

- **Bragsters** – used in the classroom and around school.
- **ClassDojo** – used by all three classes and it is a handy way to check on behaviours of your child and to keep in contact with your teacher if you have any concerns or issues.
- **RRS Slips** – used at lunchtime.



Keeping in touch

- **In the playground** – this is the best way of letting us know of any issues or concerns regarding your child.
- **DB Primary**
 - Online tool used to keep in touch with the school community.
 - Newsletters.
 - Emails/blogs from both peers and teacher alike.
 - Home Learning activities.
- **Twitter** – information, school trips, news and more!
- **ClassDojo:**
 - Class Teachers will update class stories with important messages or sharing photos of learning. You can also message your class teacher.
 - Please note that we can only reply between 7.30 am-5:30pm Mon-Thurs and 7.30am-3:30pm on Fridays.
 - If there is an important message you need to tell your child's teacher (e.g. change in going home arrangement) please contact the office as they can update the teacher and other adults who may be dismissing your child.

Finally...

- Please come and see us if you have any issues or concerns, make an appointment and we're always happy to talk!
- Any help you can provide would be wonderful – please mention how or what you can do to your child's class teacher.
- Thank you very much for taking the time to join us today!

