

**YEAR 5 MEET THE TEACHER!**

WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

# THE TEAM



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Teaching Assistants



**Ms  
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5L Teacher



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5E Teacher  
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5A Teacher

## SMAB RULES AND ROUTINES

- Children must be in classroom by 08:50 – collect children at 15:20. Children all dismissed from the playground. Year 5 will gather at bottom of stairs by class 3M.
- Correct uniform and PE kit:
- Earrings – studs not hoops. Hairbands should be green/white/black.
- Jewellery only if religious and chains must be removed for PE.
- Children should bring in their Accelerated Reading (AR) book everyday. Reading records must be filled in 4 times per week completing the mini-tasks provided.
- Any payments via ParentPay – access via school website.

# BEHAVIOUR

- High expectations. Year 5 appreciate what is expected of them.
- ClassDojo – used across the school to celebrate children showing our values. The class with the most points will receive a reward each week.
- House system – children in each class are split into four houses and they can earn points for their house the house with the most points at the end of each week can earn rewards
- Home slips – if a child needs to take a reflection due to not showing school values after a warning they will receive a slip home to inform parents.
- Rights Respecting School Slips – used at lunchtime to celebrate children respecting their own, and the rights of others.

## LUNCHES

- These will need to be paid using the Parent pay and barcode system.
- <https://www.parentpay.com>
- New students will be sent a barcode and username \ password that will enable them to lunch and parent pay information.
- Please remember we are a nut free school so lunches should not included things like peanut butter or seeded snacks that contain nuts – please check very carefully when packing lunches
- Healthy options

# PE & SWIMMING SESSIONS

Two PE sessions each week and children should come to school in their PE kit – SMaB logo t-shirt, green jogging bottoms or shorts and trainers.

**Wednesday and Friday.**

Year 5 – swimming is running for 10 weeks every Friday. It starts **Friday 23/09** and last session is **Friday 25/11**. This means the first 2 weeks and the last 2/3 weeks will be normal PE sessions.

All children will take part in a Water Safety Talk with one of the instructors from Arnos Grove pool – available on pupils Teams

Swimming:

- Children must come to school with their swimming costumes on underneath their school uniforms on Fridays
- Pupils who would like to/need to wear goggles, must have written permission from a parent/guardian prior to the first lesson. (Please bring in ASAP so we can pass the names on to the instructor)
- You must have a swimming hat to participate and suitable swimming costumes.

# READING

Daily reading is an essential part of learning – it enhances 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. – 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 its 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

# MATHS

- It is extremely important that the children learn their multiplication facts off by heart.
- Your child should know their times tables up to  $\times 12$ , 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.



## TOPIC AND WIDER CURRICULUM

7 Weeks	7 Weeks
Islamic Civilisations Bagdad- The Round City	The Anglo Saxons
Why is California So Thirsty?	Oceans
Respect	Resillience
Getting to Know You	Anti-Bullying
Community	Maths Week
RE Day	

- Our Topics will focus on: California and its water usage;The ancient civilisation of Baghdad;The Miracles of Jesus; forces and sewing/stitching soft toys.
- Please check the Curriculum letter sent home for more information about what we are covering and ask your child regularly about what they are doing in school. Photos and updates will sometimes be shared on the Newsletter and Class Dojo.
- We are looking at some educational visits this and will be visiting St Cuthbert's church soon to get inspiration for prayer/reflection writing.

## SPELLING

- From 25.9.21, your child will receive the year 5/6 spelling list
- No more weekly spelling lists – studies have proven this to be ineffective
- There will be a small test every 3 weeks that will focus on the key words we have been looking at in class
- As a school we are focusing on the learning of vocabulary and exploring the meaning/origin of words which we will do through all lessons

## 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.

## HOME LEARNING

- A minimum of 4 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 – posted on teams as an assignment each week so pupils can submit online with their chosen task.

EACH CHILD WILL ALSO HAVE A HOMELEARNING BOOK SHOULD THEY CHOOSE TO USE IT AND CAN BRING THIS INTO SCHOOL TO SHARE THEIR WORK IF THEY CHOOSE.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

- Twitter, instagram and YouTube – 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-4:30pm Mon-Fri. Whole school Newsletter uploaded to Class Dojo each week
- 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.

## PARENT CONSULTATION – 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 15:30-20:00

- You will be given the choice again of an in person meeting, video call or phone call. Please ensure you sign up and provide a time you are available. Please note first come first served for time slots.
- More details for booking times will be provided nearer the time.

Thanks for your continued support.