



Welcome to Year 5



5 St Thomas More
Class Teacher: Mr. Head



5 St Clare of Assisi
Class Teacher: Mr. Brown



Main objectives for your children for this year

We expect children to be punctual, smart and ready to learn by 8:55am. They must always give their best and have a positive attitude to learning at all times. Children should respect themselves and others and adhere to the school's rules. It is important to remember that mistakes are not frowned upon but are an opportunity to learn.

The school day

In the mornings we run a soft start for the children who may enter the school building via the Upper Key Stage playground from 8.40am. If your child needs to be left earlier, we run a breakfast club. Please contact the school office for details. The children need to be in their classroom by 8.55am to ensure they are marked as present in the register.

In the afternoon, your children will be dismissed at 3:30pm. We will not dismiss your child until we see you, or someone you have authorised to collect your child. Please notify us if anyone other than you will be collecting your child. If you are running late, children should be collected from the school office.

Maths and English

Children in year 5 are taught Maths and English every day. The children are taught in their class groups for English. Maths is taught in a whole-class environment also, where pupils' differing needs are catered for through scaffolded activities and effective questioning from the class teacher. Lessons will focus on the pupils' fluency in Maths (rapid and accurate recall of number facts) as well as providing them with the opportunity to build a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts by developing their skills in reasoning and problem-solving.

Reading

We request that reading scheme books and reading diaries are brought into school every day. Please do encourage your children to read regularly and note this in their reading record. We do enjoy reading comments from parents about their children's reading. Reading diaries will be checked on a weekly basis to ensure that all children, regardless of reading ability, are reading regularly. We encourage all children to have a reading book of their choice with them in school for when we have quiet reading time.

Homework

Schools across the nation have been reviewing their homework policies, and evaluating the impact homework has on pupil progress. The national research proves that homework does not have an impact on academic progress at primary school level and that schools should be focussing their time on providing first class teaching and learning during the school day. The research also comments that pupils between the ages of 5 - 11 could be using home time to practise social skills and take part in extracurricular activities. School homework can provide opportunities for the children to practise key skills and consolidate their learning.

Homework booklets are given to every child to bring home each half term, these booklets give details of:

- Weekly spelling words, children are encouraged to practise the weekly word lists at home, finding ways to use these in their writing at school and home. These word lists will be used in weekly spellings tests.
- A Brain Builder project will also be set for children to complete during each half term. Children are encouraged to share these projects with classmates on completion.
- Reminders and links to online learning resources.
- Additional maths and English homework may be set at certain points during the year, at the discretion of the class teacher.

Pencil Cases

In your pencil case you will need: good quality writing pencils, a plain rubber, a sharpener, a blue berol handwriting pen and a white glue stick. You will also need a 30cm easy to read and use ruler, a pack of colouring pencils and a pack of basic felt tips (no sharpies etc.) Please respect that fashion stationery is best kept for home, as it causes a lot of distraction for the children in class. Please name as much as possible, so items can be returned. The school will not accept any responsibility for items which are lost or stolen.

Water Bottles:

It is very important that the children drink regularly during the day. Please provide your child with a named water bottle (no screw caps) containing only water. We have drinking water facilities in every classroom to allow your child to refill their bottles.

PE Kits:

The children in Year 5 have PE/ Games twice a week. PE kits can be worn to school on the allocated day. (See table below) The PE kit includes a sensible pair of trainers. If your child is in school, they will be expected to participate in games lessons unless a suitable reason is provided by parents. Correct PE kits **must** be worn: this is black shorts, white T-shirt, black tracksuit top and bottoms.

Key information:

P.E. lessons for 5TH will take place on Monday and Wednesday

P.E. lessons for 5RB will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday

Uniform

Make sure all school uniform is named. We prefer no earrings, but if they are worn, they should be silver or gold studs. Children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE, so they must be able to remove them without any adult help. Hair accessories should be simple and in school colours and children are expected to tie long hair back with a plain, school coloured hair tie. During hot weather, please provide your child with a sun hat. (Please see the school's uniform policy for further information)

Mobile Phones

If your child brings a mobile phone to school, they must hand it into their class teacher at the start of the school day. Phones will be returned to pupils at the end of the school day. On no account should pupils keep mobile phones on their person or in bags during the school day. Phones must be switched off on entering the school premises and not turned on again until pupils leave the school site.

Smart Watches

Pupils are not permitted to wear Smart Watches or other similar style watches for safeguarding reasons. These are not suitable for wearing in school for a number of reasons. Many of these watches have internet connection which if used within school could pose a safeguarding risk. They are also costly items, which could easily be damaged or go missing and can be a distraction in class. Children may wear a simple analogue or digital watch to enable them to tell the time.

What your children will be learning:

	Key Topic/Key Questions
Advent Term (Autumn Term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Tudors• Forces• Properties and Changes of Materials• What is life like in the Alps?• Online Safety
Lenten Term (Spring Term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What the census tells us about our local area?• Why do oceans matter?• Earth and Space
Pentecost Term (Summer Term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ancient Greece• Would you like to live in the Desert?• Living Things and their Habitats• Animals, including Humans

Contacting us

- Send a note in with your child
- Give the office a call and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible, but please bear in mind we are in class most of the day, so it will be either at lunchtime or after the school day.
- Sending an email to year5@olopprimary.co.uk
- Please give us a few dates/times when it is convenient to meet and we will arrange a time with you as soon as possible.

We hope that Year 5 will be a rewarding and enjoyable year for your child. We are looking forward to working with all the pupils and their families to ensure every child can reach their full potential!

Mr. Head & Mr. Brown