



HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely summer. During the past few days the children have all settled into Year 5 really well and I am extremely pleased to be teaching them.

Homework:

Homework will be set as part of our whole school approach of setting 'un-homework' challenges, the children will be given some element of choice as to what they do. On a half termly basis, we will alternate whether the focus is on completing topic projects or revising concepts learnt in our core lessons in class. Children should complete one activity per week and present it to the class on a Friday. If needed you can email photos, presentations or videos of projects, or the children can upload them to Showbie, rather than bring them into school, depending on whatever format they have chosen. Please get involved and talk to them about their learning, but let them complete it as independently as possible as we are trying to develop these skills now that they are in Upper Key Stage 2.

Times Tables and related division facts (up to 12x12) will be tested regularly. The children need to know these for mental maths work. Please try to practise them at home daily.

Spelling:

The children will be assessed regularly against a list of statutory words from the National Curriculum. This list will be appropriate to their level of development. From this list, we will select a few words that the children find tricky and set these for them to learn at home. Alongside this, they will have a couple of spellings to learn, that practise the spelling rules taught in class. In the front of their homework book there will be a few recommendations for ways in which your children can practise their spellings. These will then be tested on a Friday and new spellings will be sent home.



Reading:

The children will continue to need to be encouraged to read every night. They may have chosen a book from our class library, or one of their own from home. They have been given a reading record to record their progress. Even if children are fluent readers, it is still very important for you to listen to your child read and for you to read to them too and to talk about what they have read; asking them to make predictions, discussing the meaning of unfamiliar words, inferring how characters might be feeling, recalling what has gone before in the story etc.

Residential Visit

A residential trip to the Pioneer Centre, at Cleobury Mortimer, has been booked for 15th-17th February (last week before February half term). As the children have already been to the Pioneer Centre last year, this will mean that they will approach this visit with enhanced confidence and they will be able to build on the skills that they began to develop last year. It will also mean that those children who were too nervous to take part in an activity last time, may well have another opportunity to overcome that and have a go (dependant on what activities are on offer-we will not know this until nearer the time).

General

Children will need to have a named water bottle in school each day and as the weather gets cooler, please make sure they have a suitable coat in school and that it is labelled (as well as all the rest of their uniform).

It is important to make us aware if someone other than yourself is picking your child up from school, or if there are any special arrangements regarding this. Now that the children are in Year 5, they may walk home by themselves. If you would like them to do this, please send in a letter, or email, informing us that we have permission to let them go on their own at the end of the day.

Finally, please do not hesitate to ask any questions following this letter, or indeed throughout the year. If you need to speak to me, please leave a message at the office or email me at phall@holyredeemer.worcs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hall
(Class Teacher)

