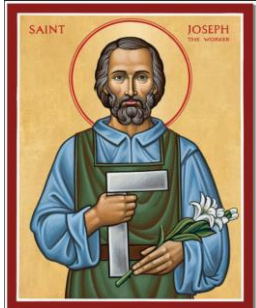




Welcome to Year 5



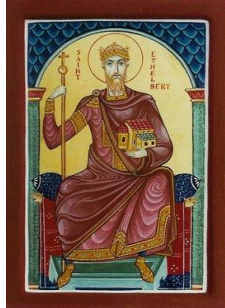
5 St Joseph Class

Class Teacher: Mrs. Gunn



Learning Support Assistant:

Mrs Bottesi



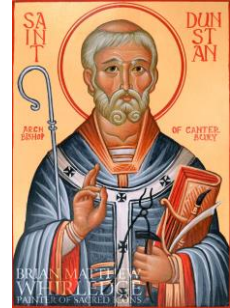
5 St Ethelbert's Class

Teacher: Mr. O'Keeffe



Learning Support Assistant:

Mrs. Brown



5 St Dunstan's Class

Class Teacher: Ms. Kelly



Learning Support Assistant:

Mrs. Gadzic

Mrs Butler

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 golden rules. It is important to remember that mistakes are not frowned upon but are an opportunity to learn.

The school day: coming in and going home

In the mornings we run a soft start for the Children who may enter the school building via the KS2 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 are brought to the KS2 playground. 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 are 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 morning. 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 differentiated 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. All children will also have the opportunity to choose books from the library with the support of the class LSA once per week, on an allocated day.

Homework

Our aim is to ensure that our school homework provides opportunities for the children to practise key skills and consolidate their learning as well as provide teachers the time to plan and deliver first class lessons every day.

Homework will be split into two categories; Formal Homework and Informal Homework.

1) Formal Homework will come into school on the designated days as specified by the class teacher. The children will be provided with a homework booklet once every half-term. The booklet will contain:

- Maths topics
- Weekly Spelling lists
- Brain Builders Homework.

Pupils will be tested on their spellings weekly and the booklet will support them with their learning of the spellings. The spelling booklet does not need to come into school and we encourage our parents to check their child's spellings at home. Brain Builders project work will be marked by the class teacher. Children will be allocated Maths homework on MyMaths and this will be linked to the units of work being taught in class.

2) Informal Homework is optional homework and does not need to come into school as this will be completed at home. This may include reading on Bug Club, Spelling shed activities and quizzes as well as Times-tables Rockstars and Purple Mash.

For further details about our new homework procedures, please look at the homework policy which is available on the school website.

Pencil Cases

It is always very exciting to bring a pencil case into school; however, these can often become a distraction during learning times. In Year 5, children are not required to bring a pencil case to school. Any equipment for lessons will be provided by the class teacher.

Water Bottles:

It is very important that the children drink regularly during the day. Please provide your child with a named clear sport's style 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:

There are two PE lessons during the week; one inside and the other outside. The children have an indoors PE and outside Games lesson once a week. Children can wear their PE kit to school on the allocated day/s. The school P.E. kit (for both boys and girls) is a white T-shirt (with or without school logo), black shorts and a sensible pair of trainers/plimsolls. If your child is in school, they will be expected to participate in games lessons unless a suitable reason is provided by parents.

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 Title/Question
Advent Term (Autumn Term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ancient Greece• The Industrial Revolution• Earth and Space• Properties of materials
Lenten Term (Spring Term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Plague• Life cycles• Forces• Australia
Pentecost Term (Summer Term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amazing changes• Growing up and growing old• Settlements• Extreme Earth

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.