



# St John's C of E (Aided) Primary School

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## Year 5 Autumn 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to year 5! We hope you all had a lovely half term break and that your children enjoyed our topic on Earth and Space. This half term we will be learning about the Tudors and doing a local study about Henry VIII and the Mary Rose which sank just outside Portsmouth Harbour.

## The Tudors



### English

We are beginning this half term with 'Treason', an historical novel set in the Tudor period. We will be looking at inference, description and new vocabulary and will write a character description on Henry VIII. The children will then look at the life of the Tudors, focusing on Henry VIII and Elizabeth 1st.

### Maths

Our first unit will focus on Fractions followed by Multiplication and Division, then Perimeter/Area. You can continue to support your child at home with Maths by ensuring that they know and regularly practice their timestables using TT Rockstars. Every child has access and their own login to this.

### Science

We will be learning about Circulation. The Knowledge Organiser for this unit of Science is on our website for you to view. We will be working through the subjects on this organiser and have provided it for you so that you also have an understanding of the coverage.

### History

Linked to our Tudor topic, we will be looking at what life was like in Tudor England. Focusing on Henry's wives and how historians use evidence to determine what life was like for the rich and poor during Tudor times .

## DT

Looking at how to make a pop up book, looking at spaces different layers and designing.

## RE/Global Neighbours

In religious studies we will be looking at Incarnation and the interpretations of the birth narrative of Jesus.

## IT

Data handling: Mars Rover. Looking at computer systems in space.

## PDL/No Outsiders/Evolve

Celebrating difference in other countries. The book for No Outsiders is called 'Mixed'. We are also very excited to have a visit from Andrew Moffett for our No Outsiders.

## MFL (French)

French monsters. Looking at French grammar and writing a simple sentence.

## PE

This term, inline with our science and keeping healthy. Our PE days are going to be on a Tuesday (outside) and Thursday (inside) each week. Children will need to come dressed for PE on these days. As the days get colder and wetter can we ask that children wear proper trainers (not plimsolls) and they wear blue or black tracksuits for when they are outside. They will need normal shorts and sports team t-shirts for when they are inside. Please remember that children should have their hair tied back and should not be wearing jewellery. Please provide earring tape if your child cannot take out their stud earrings.

## Uniform

We do ask that all the children come to school looking smart in their uniform. Please be reminded that shoes (not trainers) should be plain black and without colour, including white. Please make sure everything is **NAMED**. Jewellery should not be worn to school (only stud earrings are allowed). As the weather gets colder and more unreliable, please can you make sure your child has a coat in school.



## Water bottles

Can you please provide a **named** water bottle for your child to bring into the classroom daily. Remember we ask these are filled with only water or sugar free squash. The bottles will be taken home after each day to be cleaned and refilled for the following day.

## Reading at home

It is still expected that your children read at least five times a week and this is recorded in their reading diaries which they will be taking home each day.

## Communication

Each morning the class teacher will be at the gates, if you need to pass on any information, please do so then. However, due to staggered starting and finishing times throughout the school, we ask if you need to discuss anything with the teacher to make an appointment when convenient. We do understand that some parents work, and are not around at the start or end of the day, so please feel free to write a message for your child to hand to their teacher or call the office and the class teacher will give you a

call. You can also email us at [year5@st-johns-gosport.hants.sch.uk](mailto:year5@st-johns-gosport.hants.sch.uk). We check this email as least twice a week.

### Homework

Every Friday, your child will be set new assignments on Ed Shed where the children will practise their spelling and SPaG work and they will be expected to practise their times tables on TT Rockstars.

There is a homework project this half term. Details of this can be found at the bottom of this letter.

Thank you for your support and we are looking forward to working with you all this year.  
Mrs James and Mrs Goulding (the year 5 team).

## Home learning project Year 5 - create an activity to use in a PE lesson.



You could include...

- The rules
- What parts of the body are used
- Does it involve strength/cardiovascular
- What equipment you will need

This is due in by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

