

ST. STEPHEN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

We Model What We Value



Welcome back to term 5. We are two-thirds of the way through the academic year, so let's finish strong. We have a lot of additional events going on, so please look out for messages and information in newsletters or over Classdojo. Leopards class are swimming this term, with the other classes going later in the year. We will also have our year 5 showcase production in week 6. Please spend some time reading our Curriculum Overview which outlines the focus this term in each subject.

Reading

Please continue to encourage your child to read every day for at least 15 minutes. When your child completes a book, please get them to bring the book into school so that they can complete the Accelerated Reader quiz about their book. The children are welcome to bring in books from home; they may still have a related quiz. Which class will complete the most quizzes this term? We would love to see a big increase in quiz completion.

Homework

We will continue to have a spelling test every Monday. The other homework task will be taken from the CGP Grammar and Punctuation book. Please look out for messages on Classdojo to make sure your child is completing the correct task. Homework is an important way for children to prepare for secondary school, when the expectations will be even higher.

Times Tables

Please continue to regularly practise times tables with your child. Strong times table knowledge is a solid foundation of all maths knowledge, so they are vital. As a school, we use Times Tables Rockstars as an online resource to practise times tables. Please let us know if your child has lost their login details; we can send them out again.

Reminders

<u>Equipment:</u> Please can we ask all children to come to school whenever possible, with a pencil case containing: Black handwriting pen, Pencil, sharpener, Ruler, Purple pen, and a Glue stick. They may also choose to bring colouring pens/pencils. This is the time of year when things start to run out (especially glue sticks!), so please check that your child has all the stationery they require to access their learning. Some items can be purchased from the office.

<u>PE days</u>: Our P.E days are Thursdays and Fridays. Please send children into school in their P.E kits on these days. Leopards will need swimming kit on Tuesdays and PE kit on Thursdays; they will not have PE on Friday.

We are here to help, so please let us know by chatting when you collect your child, or by contacting the school	Thank you from the year 5 team:
queries as quickly as possible.	Mr Parkin, Mrs Rajan, Mr Shaw, Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Amy and Miss Hewitt