

Welcome to Year 5!



Year 5 is an exciting year, where the children are encouraged to be curious and full of wonder about the world around them.

This guide will provide you with useful information about how we operate in Year 5.

Start & End of the Day

The school gates open at 8:20, allowing children and adults onto the bottom playground. At 8:30, children line up and are greeted by their teacher. We then walk around to the classroom together.

Any children who have not arrived by 8:30 can walk around to their classroom by themselves. However, they need to have arrived by 8:40, as this is when the register is taken. Any children who arrive after this time will be marked as 'late'; they will need to enter via the office as the playground gates will be shut.

The school day ends at 3:05. Children will walk round to the bottom playground with their teacher, where they can be collected by their adults.

By Year 5, many parents/carers feel that their children are independent enough to walk home by themselves or with friends. If you wish your child to do this (or to meet you anywhere other than the school playground) you will need to sign a permission form in the school office.

Structure of the Day

On a typical morning, our main focuses are Maths and English. Our learning in these lessons is supported by various adults who work across both classes. As well as these lessons, we have shorter sessions focusing on reading, spelling and mental maths.

In the afternoon, we cover a range of curriculum subjects. We also have a 10-minute Daily Mile session.

Every morning or afternoon, we have an act of Collective Worship, either as a whole school or as a class.

Breaktime & Lunchtime

In Year 5, breaktime is at 10:30 (slightly later than in Year 4) and will be on the top playground, together with the Year 6s. Children may want to bring a healthy snack to have at this time.

Lunchtime is from 12:10 to 1:05. However, in a change from previous years, junior children will go out to play first, then eat their lunch (school dinners or packed lunch) at 12:40. This is to avoid all year groups sharing the outside space at the same time.

Mobile phones

If your child is walking to and from school independently, you may wish them to carry a mobile phone with them. Please note, for the safety of all children, these phones must not be used at any time on the school premises, including on the playground before or after school. They should be turned off, and will be collected by the class teacher at the start of school and handed back at the end of the day.

Bags & What to bring

There is room for children to store a small **backpack** in school on their peg (which is either inside their classroom or in the corridor). This is useful so that they can carry items to and from school, such as reading books, reading diaries, homework books and letters.

Children should bring a named **water bottle** to school. Please remind them to take this home each day so that it can be rinsed out and refilled.

It would also be helpful if children could bring a named **painting shirt** for art lessons.

We love to see any items that are linked to our learning. However, please do not allow your child to bring in toys from home, to ensure they don't become lost or broken.

Reading

We expect children to read at least 5 times a week, for at least 15 minutes at a time. We would like them to record this in their **reading diary**, along with a weekly comment to let us know what they think about their book. We will collect reading diaries in on Thursdays along with the homework.

Meet the Teacher

Please join us on 18th September at 2:30pm for an overview of our learning and routines, and a chance to ask any questions you may have about Year 5.

Class Contact Details

Please use the email addresses below if you would like to get in touch:

amberley@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk

lewes@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk

PE Lessons

We have two PE lessons every week: outdoor games on a Tuesday and indoor gymnastics or dance on a Thursday. It is important that your child has the correct PE kit and trainers in school every week. Please check that it still fits and each item is named. We will send PE kits home every half term to be washed. This is good time to check that there are no items missing.

Wet weather

As the winter months approach, children will need to bring a coat into school. Please make sure it is clearly labelled.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday to be collected in the following Thursday. This will typically consist of:

- Spellings to practise
- A maths activity (linked to recent class learning);
- An activity linked to another curriculum subject;
- Mental maths questions to practise on the Sumdog website (similar to Times Table Rock Stars which children used in Year 4).

And finally...

It probably seems as though your child's time at primary school is flying by. We will be guiding them to become more independent learners, supporting them on their journey through their final years of primary education.

We look forward to working with your family this year! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

The Y5 team