



SAINT JOHN'S

February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting term in Year 5. The children have arrived focused and enthusiastic to learn and we are looking forward to a busy term ahead. Our key question this term is:

How do forests in England compare to the forests in Scandinavia?

In this geography topic, we will embark on a fascinating journey of discovery by locating Scandinavian countries on a world map and identifying some of its main features through exploring a variety of images and online mapping. We will also learn about Scandinavian biomes along with the climate and weather of Scandinavia and then use this knowledge to compare and contrast forests in England to those in Scandinavia.

PE

PE lessons this term are on **Tuesdays and Fridays**. On these days, children should come to school wearing their PE kits instead of their usual school uniform. Track suits (navy or black) with trainers for outdoor PE would be ideal!

Homework

Please find below the homework timetable for this term, with deadlines and the teacher responsible. In case a homework sheet is lost or misplaced, there are spares available in class.

Day homework set	Subject	Due
Ongoing	Reading	At least twice a week with an entry made in Home/School diary by parents/carers for every time they read. Home/School diary checked every Wednesday. *See tips for reading at home
	TT Rockstars	Once a week for 10 minutes or daily if possible. Times tables test every Thursday
Thursday Maths and English homework will be given on alternate weeks.	Maths	Wednesday
	English	Wednesday
Thursday	Spellings	Spelling test every Thursday

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*Tips for reading at home:

- **Make it fun:** Create a special reading place, like a beanbag or reading den. You can also try making reading memorable by using different voices or making funny faces.
- **Read aloud:** Reading aloud helps children build their vocabulary, learn new facts, and connect sounds with letters.
- **Take turns:** Reading can be tiring for children, so take turns reading aloud.
- **Play word games:** Play games that encourage your child to listen to and manipulate sounds in words.
- **Ask questions:** Ask your child questions about the pictures in the book.
- **Make it a habit:** Reading with your child is one of the most important things you can do to help your child's education. It can help them develop a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Kiely and Miss Bennett.

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