



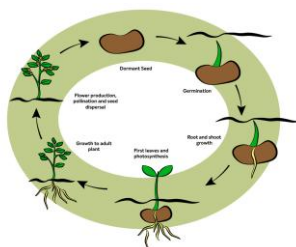
SAINT JOHN'S

April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term of Year 5. We hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. As before, this term we will be using key questions to drive our learning in our curriculum subjects rather than a central theme. Year 5 have some interesting topics to investigate this term, which I am looking forward to sharing with them.

Please see the Termly Overview document on the website (and also on Class Dojo) for further details of what we will be learning about this term.



## PE

This term we have been lucky enough to secure the Cheltenham Cricket Ground facilities for our PE sessions. Our PE slot this term will be on a **Tuesday** afternoon. As we will have the grounds for the entire afternoon, we will essentially have a double PE session. Therefore, the children will only need to come dressed in PE kits on a Tuesday. We will use the previous Thursday PE slot for other curriculum time. Please ensure that children come to school dressed in appropriate PE kit.

## Homework

We are keen to promote 'Reading for Pleasure' in Year 5. Not only is it an essential skill for all areas of the curriculum, but is also a wonderful form of entertainment, escapism, adventure and relaxation. Therefore, we would like to ensure that the children are getting the opportunity to develop and enjoy this skill. As part of their homework, we would like the children to read at least three times a week. We will be looking for the children to record any reading in their Home School Diary. You do not have to read with your child (although this can be a great way for your child to read aloud and practise skills such as intonation and expression) but it would be helpful if you could ensure that reading is recorded. If reading is not recorded, it may be necessary for us to hear children read during their own time (break times) so that we can ensure that they are given the opportunity to read.

We will be checking Home School Diaries each Monday for entries.

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Weekly spellings will also be set for the children to practise and learn throughout the week. These spellings will be set on Monday and will be tested on Friday.

A piece of maths, grammar or comprehension homework will also be set on a Monday to be handed in on Friday. This work will usually be aligned to what we are learning in class but from time-to-time it may also be revision of an area already covered.

We also ask that children spend at least 20 minutes a week on TT Rockstars, an online platform for times table practice. The children are all familiar with it and it is used whenever possible in class, but any extra activity on this would be hugely beneficial for your child to improve and retain their recall skills of number facts.

On a Thursday afternoon, Mr Vaughan will continue to teach the class during my PPA time.

We hope that you have found the above information useful and we look forward to continuing our work with you.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact me via our Class Dojo application and I will do my best to get back to you with any answers as swiftly as I can.

Kind regards,

Mr Jones (Teacher) and Miss Kot (Teaching Assistant)