

## ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Class: Year 5

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer and your children are excited to be back. We are all really looking forward to supporting your child/children as they return to school and working with them during this important year. As you may be aware, Year 5 will be an exciting year but perhaps the most challenging of your child's school life so far; we will provide support for your child/children throughout the year to help them to experience continued success but will ensure that it is also a year packed with memorable activities. There are a few areas we would just like to remind you about as we get the year started:

#### PE:

Our P.E. days are Mondays (outside) and Fridays (in the hall); it is important that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days as they will not be able to change in school. Please ensure that they have the appropriate P.E / Games clothing and that they do not wear jewellery that they cannot take off themselves (only stud earrings are allowed in school). Should your child be unable to participate in P.E, please send a note with your child explaining the reason. Please consider the weather when selecting their PE kit as they will be wearing it all day.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO PE KIT IS REQUIRED ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.

#### Homework:

We are keen to encourage the pupils to develop positive habits of working at home to support their learning. Homework provides the children with an opportunity to apply their understanding of new concepts independently. As a result, the pupils will receive weekly homework from the second week of term. Homework will be given out on Tuesdays and collected on Mondays. It will usually include spellings, a maths sheet and a reading or grammar activity linked to our learning in class. Please encourage the children to come and ask us for help if they are struggling with their homework and we will be happy to help.

#### Topics:

Our main topic this term is The Classic Mayan Civilisation; this topic provides the pupils with a chance to learn about the legacy of an ancient civilisation and compare their way of life with those in Ancient Greece and Egypt. Our science topic is Properties and changes in materials. Please see the school website to access the knowledge organiser for the term, which the children will be using to support their learning.

#### A few reminders / requests:

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle so they have access to water throughout the day.

We would also ask that you update the office with any medical needs your child may have. We need to be aware of any allergies or change in medical condition. If your child requires an inhaler, please make sure that an





up-to-date inhaler (labelled with your child's name) is sent into school as soon as possible. There is a form available in the office for you to complete should you need to update us with anything medical. Equally, please ensure emergency contact details are up-to-date, should we need to contact you.

To help celebrate all of your child's achievements, please feel free to let us know of any special achievements they might gain in any after school activities so we can celebrate them in school.

We will be continuing to use the Class Dojo system as part of our behaviour management system; please see the additional sheet (sent separately) for details about how to log in so that you can be updated on your child's behaviour at home.

If there is anything else you would like to discuss, please feel free to make contact through Class Dojo. Alternatively, we are able to discuss anything with you over the telephone; please call the school office to make an appointment or contact me via Class Dojo. We will continue to update you with any changes regarding Covid-19 guidance or any amendments to our usual provision as a result of Covid-19.

Kind regards,

Miss Topley

