



St. Francis of Assisi Church of England Primary School

Helping to support your child—February 2022

Upper KS2 (Years 5 and 6) Information



We have already reached the end of another half term and are so pleased that the children are happy, healthy and enjoying their learning at school. Here are some things that we would like you to do to support your child when they are not in school. These can be done on a weekend, evening, during the holidays, in the car or at home and would be extremely beneficial.



Year 5 and Year 6



Reading—your child will have a reading book which they should be able to read independently. Some children who may need a little more support with fluency in reading may have an additional reading scheme book. Even though children are in Years 5 and 6, it is still really beneficial for them to read to an adult once a week and talk to the adult about what they have read. This develops comprehension and inference skills which are vital for your child's development in reading. Parents should sign your child's homework diary once a week when they have read with you.

Spelling Shed—weekly spelling lists link to your child's spelling lessons in school and there are also activities to practise Common Exception words. Please access this regularly e.g. 5-10 minutes each day or use these words in games that you play with your child to support spelling.

TimesTable Rockstars—By the end of Year 4, pupils should know all times tables up to 12x12 by heart and be able to apply to all areas of maths. TTR reinforces this knowledge and encourages children to increase their recall speed and accuracy. Children can choose their own challenges if in Garage Mode to support specific tables that need additional practice. This should be accessed at least three times per week for a period of 15 minutes.

Year 5 Reading Plus—This program has been designed to support your child with fluency, accuracy, speed and comprehension in reading. Children access this three times each week in school and are expected to access this for 30 minute blocks at home in order to complete their assigned tasks. Children's reading skills will progress the more they access this for 30 minute periods of time.

Prodigy Maths—This is a web based adventure game through which children can collect prizes and rescue animals whilst also practising their maths knowledge. Activities match the work that pupils have been learning when in school. Regular access will support this knowledge.

Homework—This is set weekly. There are a range of subjects in Year 5 and Year 6 may have two short pieces to complete each week. We encourage the children to develop their independence when completing in preparation for secondary school but are happy for parents to offer support where needed.

Rewards and celebration of achievements are given to those children who access all opportunities for home learning. Staff are very happy to discuss any concerns or difficulties that you or your child may have.