



Bishop William Ward C of E (VA) Primary School

Happy, respectful, life-long learners

Headteacher: Mr Toby Bull

Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your children have had a great summer and that your children feel they are settling in well to Year 5. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact and/or book an appointment to meet with me.

This term we are studying the *Ancient Greeks*. Further information about this (along with the other topics we will be covering this year) is on the Year 5 curriculum map, available on our website. On November 8th we will be having a *Greek experience day*, with the option of coming into school dressed as an *Ancient Greek* - costume ideas to follow.

Homework is set on a Friday, due in by the following Thursday and will normally consist of a Maths or English task that relates to the week's learning, as well as the spellings for the week which will be tested every Friday. Another vital part of your child's learning at home is reading -not only listening to your child read but also asking them questions about what they have read. Examples of questions to ask when reading with your child or after they have read a section of their book independently:

What do you think will happen next?

Who is your favourite character? Why?

What is happening in this picture?

Did you enjoy this book? Why?

What does this word mean?

Show me where the author has used a comma/question mark/exclamation mark etc.

This term our PE sessions will be on a Tuesday and Friday but please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school every day in case a PE session needs to be moved. I would like to reiterate the school's policy that earrings should not be worn for PE and therefore please ensure that your child either does not wear earrings on Tuesdays and Fridays, or is able to remove them themselves.

Volunteers are always welcome and if you are interested becoming more involved with the class, please feel free to contact me to discuss this further. I look forward to meeting with you at the parent/teacher meeting later this term, but if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please find me after school for a quick chat or to book an appointment.

Yours faithfully,
Mr S Tidbury

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