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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to Year 5! This year, myself, Mrs Brodrick and Miss Borrett are working together in Year 5 and we look forward to creating lots of happy memories for your child this year, as well as tackling lots of new challenges together.

Homework

In year 5, we feel that encouraging the children to complete their homework is a vital part of preparing them for SATs next year. We really appreciate your support with this. Homework will be set on a Friday and due by the following Friday.

Talk Tokens

Your child will be given a homework book which contains a weekly 'Talk Token'. This will contain a few discussion points linked to our learning each week in class. Please discuss these with your child, sign and add any additional comments underneath. If your child is unsure about anything on the 'Talk Token', please let us know.

Spelling

Each week, spelling word lists will be sent home for your child to learn and practice. These spellings will be taught on a Friday and a spelling quiz will take place the following Friday. We will go through the answers together in class.

Times Table Rock Stars

Please encourage your child to log onto TT Rock Stars as much as possible. It is really important for them to develop and maintain a rapid recall of their times table facts. Your child

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should already be familiar with this and know their log in details but if you need another copy, just let us know.

Reading Books

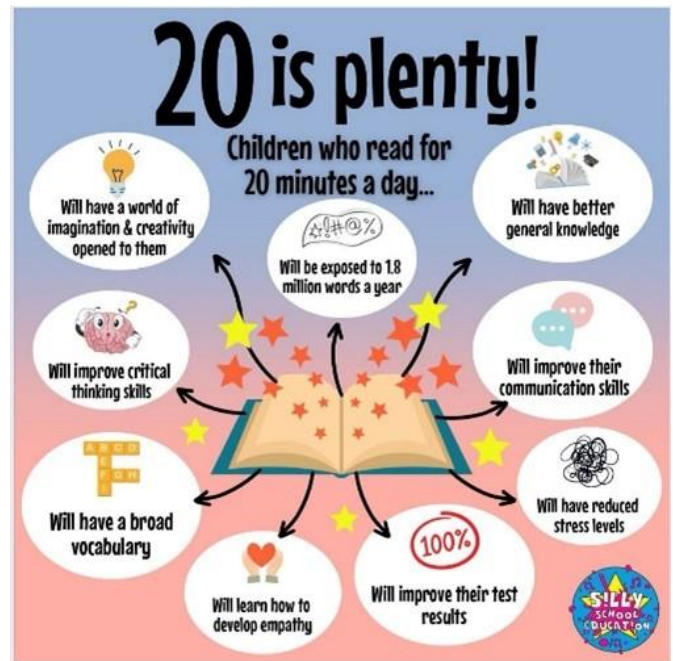
Please encourage your child to read at home as much as possible. We ask that your child reads for at least 10 minutes every day. Please sign their reading record each time they do this.

Homework Heroes

Each time your child completes a homework activity, they will receive a raffle ticket. At the end of half term, a prize winner will be drawn during our Celebration Worship. At the end of the school year, an overall prize winner for the year will be drawn at the last Celebration Worship.

PE

This year, our P.E. lessons are on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing a suitable PE kit on this day. Please note that, as per the uniform policy, football kits and crop tops are not allowed and be aware that PE could take place outside and kits should be weather appropriate. Children should wear either a plain, white t-shirt or the red school PE top and plain black shorts or trousers.



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If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the office to arrange a time to meet or a phone call. Alternatively, you could use our class email address: year5@stjameslowerdarwen.blackburn.sch.uk Please be aware that this email address is checked once per week. For more urgent enquiries, please contact the office directly. You can also reach Mrs Jacques directly on 01254 315005 / 07957 653 869.

Finally, please visit our school website -

www.stjameslowerdarwen.co.uk - where you will be able to find lots of information relating to school, copies of current homework tasks, a celebration of children's work and much more! You can also follow our new Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stjameslowerdarwence> for further updates, photos and information about what we are getting up to at school.

We hope this will be a successful year for all of us in Year 5!

Kind regards,

Mr Walmsley and the Year 5 team

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