

Homework will be sent out on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday



ST JAMES  
C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

PE: In Class 5 PE is on a Friday Please ensure your child's PE kit is brought in school on their first day back and remains in school until the class teacher sends it home. Please ensure earrings are removed or covered with plasters.

#### Learning Challenge:

Children are very inquisitive and like to ask questions. You can support your child by discussing what you know and what they have learnt in school. If possible use books and the internet to support learning.

### Class 5

Welcome back everyone after a lovely (hopefully relaxing?!) Christmas Break. I hope you are all feeling refreshed and ready for a new term, with lots of exciting learning taking place and with SATs on the horizon for our Year 2 children. Please continue to support your child by reading together a minimum of three times per week, in order to help them move through the reading passports and achieve their rewards. We also have some more exciting home learning tasks ready for you to do together! If you have any issues, please feel free to make an appointment or speak to me at the door at home time!



Children read daily in school in a number of ways. It is important your child's reading book is in school along with their reading record. If your child has misplaced their book or does not have one, please let us know.

#### **Our Learning Challenge Topics this term are:**

- 1: Is our school as strong as a castle? (Science/Materials)
- 2: How did castles protect us? (History/Geography)

Please remember to read with your child and sign their home-school record so they can earn Reading Reward Miles.

**English:** This half term in English we will be learning about the features of Non-Chronological reports as well as writing our own about dragons. We will be focusing on the spelling of past and present tense verbs particularly those with 'ed' endings such as jumped, hopped, clapped etc. We will be finding a range of sentence types in our reading including commands, exclamations, questions and statements and using these in our writing. We will also be answering questions about books we know well including those that require us to give our opinion as well as find information from the text.

How can I help at home?

**Maths:** This half term in maths we will be learning about measure including length, capacity and weight. We will also be comparing measurements using the greater than or less than symbols. We will be revisiting time and solving problems related to this. We will be doing lots of work on missing number calculations including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and we will be using our knowledge of switchers to support us with this. We will be continuing to use our number fun songs to continue to learn our times tables (2 x, 5 x, 10 x and 3x)

Spellings will be sent home weekly for your child to learn along with their results of the test from the week before. The children enjoy learning their spellings in school so please continue this at home. Please ensure your child completes at least one piece of homework from the home learning grid each week.

Please ensure your child wears black school shoes each day as well as the correct uniform as detailed on the school website, the same applies for PE. We feel this has a high impact on standards in school and this is why it is vital.

Facebook: If you have not already 'liked' us on Facebook, please do so. We share a lot of the children's learning and it really supports you with continuing this at home. We also publish the newsletter each week on Facebook, providing up to date information about what is happening in school.