



We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together

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Dear parents and carers

Class Information Letter Year 5 Teresa Summer 2023

As we work through our final term in Year 5 we would like to thank you for your continued support during this year. The children are all showing increased independence, resilience and greater absorption in their learning and are beginning to identify their own steps of progress in learning.

Behaviour and Rewards

Our school uses the Hertfordshire Steps approach which supports a therapeutic ethos, early intervention and professional responses to complex, challenging or high-risk behaviours. We have developed three universal school rules which each class has spent time exploring and these are:

- Be ready
- Be respectful
- Be safe

In year 5 our class ethos focuses on positive attitudes and behaviour for maximum learning; pupils are encouraged and supported to live the school rules by fully engaging in class tasks, showing independent thinking that enhance their study skills and making choices that have a positive impact on school experiences for all and

Curriculum

Please find attached our Summer Term curriculum overview which details the content of each subject area across the Key Stage.

PE days have changed to Tuesday and Thursday.

Ten:Ten

This term we will continue the planned Relationship and Sex Education lessons for the class. We hope that the information evening on the 18th April was helpful in clarifying the coverage and content throughout the school. The Ten:Ten scheme is approved by the Diocese of Westminster Education Service. An overview of all lessons covered is available on the [school website](#) should you wish to familiarise yourself with the content or find out more through the [Ten:Ten's Parent Portal](#) Our username for this portal is svp-sg1 and the password is herts-658.

Home Learning

Reading continues to be an important focus and we are keen that the children read as much as possible. As your children progress with their reading, it becomes more important to question them about the text they are reading, the types of grammar and punctuation in the sentences and the author's choice of vocabulary. As far as possible, please ensure that your child reads at home at least four times per week as this has been shown to have the greatest impact on English skills.

The [class page on the school website](#) has links to recommended reading books for our class.

In addition, homework consists of:

- A weekly English and Maths task from CGP book
- History (Creative task over 5 weeks, please bring into school on 20 May) – Create an item that might be found in an Anglo-Saxon Museum, prepare a short piece of writing to display with the item that explains its connection to the Anglo-Saxon time period).

Tasks to support daily learning are also added to our Google Classroom (which is accessible via the following link: <https://classroom.google.com/>) and to Purple Mash. All children have been provided with their own login and password which can be found in their reading diary.

General information:

Water Bottle & snacks: All children are encouraged to drink plenty of water during the day, therefore, please supply your child with a refillable sports top water bottle, this must ONLY contain water. Many children also bring a fruit or vegetable snack to eat at morning break. As summer approaches it is also important to ensure your child brings a suitable hat and has sunscreen applied before school.

The only jewellery permitted in school is one small pair of ear studs (please remove for PE days), and an inexpensive watch. Long hair must be tied back during school hours.

Plimsolls and indoor shoes: all pupils must have a pair of well-fitted indoor shoes in school. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named.

Pick up procedures – keeping everyone safe

Thank you for your continued compliance and patience for the safe arrival and leaving procedures at school. Your child will only be released to those whom you have given permission to collect. Please keep this information updated and let the office know if this changes. If you have allowed your child to bring a mobile phone into school for safety on an independent journey to and from school, please remind them it must be always turned off in school and help them to understand safe use of camera and internet features when they are out of school.

Twitter & Pupil Post

Please follow the school on Twitter @svdp_school (easily accessed through the school website) and via the weekly Pupil Post which is sent via Parentmail. This is proving to be a great source of communication for our school and enables you to see what is happening in the class on a regular basis.

School Website – curriculum links

The class information pages of our school website can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.stvincent.herts.sch.uk/os-classes.html>

Here you will find many curriculum links relevant to your child's current learning. Please do spend some time exploring these pages if you can.

On the website you also find a link to our Curriculum Statement which explains our approach to all areas of the curriculum. It can be viewed via the following link:

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate in contacting me via email: eglover@stvincent.herts.sch.uk. I am also available after school should you need to contact me each day apart from Mondays and Wednesdays when I am in meetings.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. I look forward to sharing in your child's final term in Year 5.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Glover
Class Teacher