



WELCOME TO CURIOSITY CLASS



I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our parents and carers. I am delighted to be teaching Curiosity Class this year and am really looking forward to getting to know the children and supporting them throughout their Year 5 journey. We have a busy and exciting year ahead, with lots of interesting topics, new experiences and opportunities for the children to learn, explore and have fun. I hope that together we can make this a happy, successful and memorable year for everyone. Below, you will find some useful information about our class routines, expectations and other important details to help you and your child settle into the new school year.

Our Team



Teacher: Mrs Rostron
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Richardson
PE Coach (Wednesdays only): Jordan



Our Daily Routines

Ready to Learn!

Please arrive on time each day, ready to begin learning. Our learning begins as soon as the school day starts, so being on time helps the children to settle quickly and ensures they don't miss valuable learning.

PE:

PE is on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Children should come to school in PE kit and trainers. Please send PE pumps to be kept in school.

Morning Snack:

Children can bring a piece of fruit from home for a morning snack if they would like to

Reading Records:

Reading records should be handed in each Friday.

Homework:

New homework is handed out each Friday and must be handed in by the following Thursday.

Our Library

We are extremely lucky to have a FANTASTIC new library in school! Children are encouraged to use it to choose books to read for pleasure, with a large selection of fiction and non-fiction to appeal to every interest. Library books can be changed every Wednesday.

We also have a great selection of books in our classroom for children to choose from and enjoy throughout the week.



Home Reading

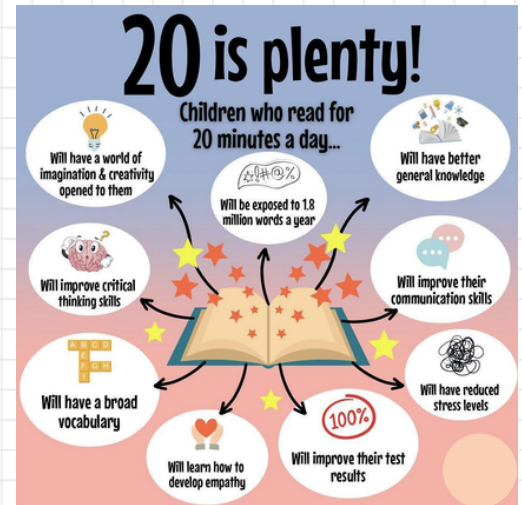
Reading regularly is one of the best ways to support your child's learning. Although many Year 5 children are confident independent readers, listening to your child read aloud is still important. It helps develop fluency, expression, comprehension and vocabulary.

Our expectation is that children read at least 5 times a week for 20 minutes each day.

Children can change their reading books as often as they like.

We are encouraging children to take responsibility for recording their own reading in their reading log. An adult at home should then sign each entry.

 **Reading Reward:** Children who complete 5 reading entries and obtain 5 parental signatures in a week will earn a raffle ticket for our half-termly reading draw! Reading records must be handed in each Friday.



Homework

Each week, children will complete one grammar task and one maths task. Homework provides an opportunity to practise and embed learning from school.

Homework is marked in class with support from staff, giving children the chance to ask questions, address misconceptions and improve their understanding.

As homework forms an important part of our learning in class, it is essential that it is completed each week. This ensures that all children are able to take part fully in our lessons and continue to build on their learning.

Homework will be handed out on Friday and must be completed and handed in by the following Thursday.

How You Can Support

Families can support their child by:

-  Encouraging regular reading and talking about books together.
-  Supporting homework routines and encouraging children to take responsibility for completing their work.
-  Talking about what they have been learning in school.
-  Celebrating effort, progress and independence.
-  Encouraging a positive attitude towards learning.

Contact

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to speak to us. We are always happy to help and answer questions at the end of the school day.

Alternatively, please contact the school office, who will be happy to assist with arranging an appointment.