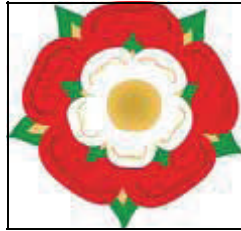


Stag Lane Middle School
Parent Overview
Year 5
Autumn Term 2008



Welcome to Year 5 at Stag Lane Middle School. The Class Teachers are Mrs Nagli, Miss Sobell and Miss Black. The Teaching Assistants are Miss Deckett and Mrs Prendergast. Our attached Learning Mentor is Mr McMahon.

Homework

Pupils have a homework link book in which you will find set homework. Please sign this booklet on a weekly basis, to show you have noted that your child has completed their homework.

- Your child is expected to read their Home Reader, preferably to an adult, for 20 minutes each evening.
- Your child will receive Maths and Literacy homework packs after half term (please ensure that you mark this work).
- Please ensure that your child regularly makes time to practise their times tables.

How you can help:

- Please encourage your child to know their times tables fluently, to 10 x 10.
- Encourage children to read to an adult and discuss the text they have read with you. Ensure that unfamiliar vocabulary is understood. A Dictionary is really useful and will help develop your child's referral skills.

- Read and discuss their homework with them.
- If you have suggestions or comments to make regarding homework, please use the homework booklet to record them, as we value your contributions.
- Visit the local library/Internet to gather further information about the topics we are covering.

Games and PE

Children will need their PE kit on the following days:

- 5B Tuesday and Friday
- 5N PE kit on Monday and swimming kit each Tuesday
- 5S Tuesday and Friday

- For swimming, children require a costume or trunks, a bathing hat, a towel, a coat and a £1.00 coin for the locker.
- Please note - each child must be properly equipped for PE and Game lessons or they will not be able to take part. If your child does not bring his/her PE kit for two consecutive weeks, you will receive a note from the Class Teacher. Additionally, we will also require a note from parents if children cannot take part in physical activities for any reason.

Outings/Events

Year 5 will be visiting Hatfield House on Thursday, 13th November. This is to support our curriculum study of The Tudors. The children will take part in a two-hour interactive session where they will be courtiers for King Henry V111.

English

We continue to follow the National Literacy Strategy looking at a range of fiction. We will be studying a range of writing by Jacqueline Wilson and reading her famous story of Tracy Beaker.

Maths

We will be using the new revised framework for the teaching of Mathematics. This will incorporate more work on using and applying Maths, as well as calculator work.

Science

Children will study the topic of Healthy Eating. They will begin to understand that a balanced diet is important for health. They will investigate how during exercise the heart beats faster to take more blood to the muscles. They will also study the Earth, Sun and Moon after half term.

ICT

Pupils will use ICT to understand and create a database. They will also be using search engines on the Internet to import additional information from the WWW.

Religious Education

This term we will be focusing on the The Holy Bible when children will be encouraged to ask and answer questions about the Bible while identifying some of the literary genres used in it. They will be encouraged to make links between incidents in the Bible that relate to their own personal experiences.

Physical Education

Children will cover Athletic Activities, Dance and Swimming. In Athletics, pupils will work on improving their own physical fitness. For Dance they will be exploring Tudor dance where they will perform whole dances with repetitive structures.

History

Children will be studying The Tudors. This will involve using various sources to place events on timelines. They will be studying Tudor Monarchs and giving reasons for the actions of Henry VIII. They will discuss the importance of the Tudor Rose.

Art

Children will select, arrange and present objects in still life paintings. They will investigate the work of artists who have used the theme of still life in a variety of ways to convey ideas and feelings. This will focus on first hand observations and recording, as well as understanding colour, tone and composition.

Music

The children will be taught by Ms Ferguson, our music specialist teacher. They will be learning about Tudor music in preparation for our school visit to Hatfield House.

PSHE

Weekly Circle Time activities will promote the children's self esteem, confidence and respect for each other. We will be following the Miss Dorothy programme where the children will learn about personal safety, valuing oneself, peer pressure and how to cope with bullying.

- ◆ A class behaviour contract will be developed in negotiation with the children.

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We hope that Year 5 will be a challenging and productive year for your child. If you have any queries please feel free to approach your child's class teacher.

Parents' Evening will be held on 7th October, 2008.