



Friday 7th November 2025 – Homework and Newsletter for Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

Lovely to see everyone again after half term — I hope you all had a lovely break. It has been wonderful to see the children's self-portrait posters proudly celebrating themselves.

We have been busy this week

In English, our focus text was *Where The Poppies Now Grow*, and we have written cinquain poems remembering and honouring those who have fought in wars. In Maths, we have been exploring new strategies for addition and subtraction, and in Science, we have begun our new topic and have started to investigate mixtures — the children are already asking brilliant questions!

As always, children have the option of choosing a library book to take home weekly if they wish. Unfortunately, children are only allowed one book at a time, so we do need to receive their current book back before we can change them.

Parent reminder: next week

Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday.

Those children who are continuing swimming on Wednesday should arrive at school by 8:20am wearing their swimwear underneath their school PE kit.

Please don't forget to pack a towel, underwear, swimming and goggles (if needed). All other children to wear school PE kit to school.

On Friday, children should come to school wearing a full PE kit.

Earrings should be removed. Weather permitting, children will be going outside for football on Friday.

Please ensure that PE kit is worn on PE days only, full school uniform should be worn on all other days, including school shoes (not trainers).

English homework: this week is Reading, and spellings. Please always make the time to practice handwriting when practising your spellings.

Reading: Please do try and read with your child a minimum of 3 times a week and record this in their reading records. Reading records and reading books should be brought into school daily.

Please remember once your child has finished their reading book they should complete their quiz on Accelerated Reader.



<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/6712691>

Spellings for the week:

These will be set on a Friday and tested the following Thursday.

Strategies

Look, cover, say, write, check
Playing spelling games
Make a mnemonic
Find smaller words within the word
Use chunking and phonics

Spellings focus: words with the soft c sound

notice	conceive
sincerely	bicycle
sacrifice	centre
appreciate	century
pronunciation	certain
once	circle
excellent	decide
necessary	experience
prejudice	exercise
accident	medicine

Maths homework: maths homework this week is to complete any outstanding homework on MyMaths and have fun playing some of the games on there too.

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

As always, please make time to practice times tables on TT Rockstars.

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

Additional homework activities:

Please see the below information about the Diocesan Christmas Card Competition for this year.

R.E. Homework

Diocesan Christmas Card Competition 2025

• The theme this year is; Our Hope is in the Child of Bethlehem

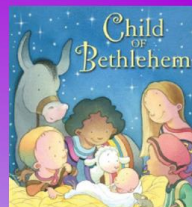
Based on 'Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts.

(Romans 5:5)

- Please carefully follow the instructions below:
- Pupils are to design a Christmas card using this theme, as appropriate to their age. (It can be any medium but must not include the pupils' full name – FIRST NAME ONLY)
- See examples and pupil template – choose either portrait or landscape (**this size must be used**)
- Ms Costanzo and Mrs Worton-Geer will choose **ONE CARD** from each key stage and take a high quality photo of it and enter the competition.
- Deadline for Christmas Cards to be returned to Ms Costanzo no later than **Thursday 20th November**

Any questions please speak to your class Teacher or Ms Costanzo – Thank you

Examples



Example from last year

Key Stage 2
St Mary's
Enfield



Example from last year



Key Stage 1
St Mary's
Enfield

As always, if you have any questions, please come and see me.

Kind regards,
Mrs Bekiri