

P.E

We have P.E lessons on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Please make sure that your child **brings** the correct P.E kit on these days: black shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings, St Gabriel's yellow PE top and a St Gabriel's fleece or plain black sweat shirt and trainers (no jewellery and long hair tied back). If your child is unable to participate in a P.E lesson, please send a note giving reasons. Should the correct PE kit not be worn, children will have to wear shared PE kit from the school stock.

Reading

Children should choose a book from the class library to read at home every night.

It is important that your child has the opportunity to read at home every day.

When your child reads, please ensure they record their progress and fill out a log book that will allow both teachers and parents to monitor your child's reading.

These books should be brought into class **every day** to be checked by the teacher.

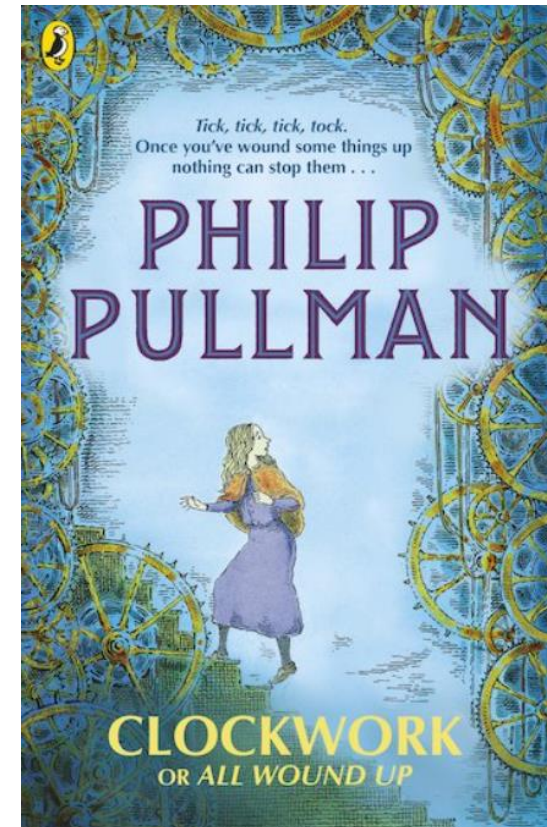
Keeping up with reading at a high level is a sure way of developing literacy skills and expanding vocabulary knowledge. The focus on daily reading will continue throughout the year.

Homework

In Key Stage 2 this year we are going to be completing Genius Work for our homework. Each half term the children will be challenged to complete a project about something that they are interested in. They can choose anything they like, from cooking to photography, as long as it is something that they are passionate about. To accompany this, the children will receive a weekly list of spellings as well as a times tables. These will be handed out on a Friday and brought back the following Friday. Children will also have the option for additional homework packages to support with learning we are doing in class.

Class 5 Newsletter

January 2025



Welcome back to another half-term at St Gabriel's. We hope you enjoyed the break and are eager to hit the ground running again.

The first term was a great start to the year. The children have worked well to develop good working habits and consistent routines. We will expect this to continue for the remainder of the year and would like to thank you all for the support that you have provided already in making sure that your child is reading every day, is working on extra tasks at home and arrives at school on time every morning dressed in full school uniform.

This term, expectations will be raised as we aim to encourage the children to reach their potential and to become responsible for their own learning.

As well as our regular lessons, children and adults will work hard to build resilience and well-being whilst ensuring we keep each other as safe as possible. Good hygiene will be an integral part of the Class 5 routine.

I would like to take this opportunity in advance, to thank parents for their support. St Gabriel's has very high expectations of every single child in Class 5. At times this can be challenging, however we are confident that our high expectations ensure every child reaches their potential. The Class 5 team are committed to ensuring your child is supported in achieving their best and so if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to arrange a time to meet with me either before or after school.

Please do feel free to speak to me if you have anything that you wish to discuss.

I am looking forward to the new term with the class!

Miss Mets

[This term](#)

Maths: To start the term in Mathematics, we will be learning about multiplication and division. The children will learn expanded method multiplication and division. We will then be returning to fractions to learn how to multiply them and find fractions of an amount

Literacy: This term in Literacy we will begin by reading the novel *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman. We will explore key aspects of the text before writing our own narratives, character descriptions, recount diary entries and witness statements. We will have different grammar focuses each week which will allow us to gain confidence in grammatical features such as adverbials and connectives as well as explore text structure and purpose.

Science: Our Science topic this term is 'Let's Get Moving'. In this topic children learn about forces and machines. Starting with the force of gravity, they then study friction forces, including air and water resistance, before investigating how simple machines work.

Humanities - History: We will start the term by learning about three world Ancient civilisations: Ancient Sumer, Indus Valley and the Shang Dynasty.

Religion: To begin with, in Religion, we will be studying Sikhism, focusing on the how Sikhism developed with each Guru and what Sikh practices today are influenced by the teachings of the Gurus.

Art: We will be creating sculptures and a 3D interactive installation.

Computing: We will be learning about 'Databases'. Pupils will learn how to search for information in a database and create their own.

PE: This term we will be improving our Gymnastics skills and learning how to create a sequence of up to 8 elements: (a combination of shapes and balances; rolling and jumping; changes of direction, level and mirroring). Perform balances with control, showing good body tension.

MFL: This term we will be learning how to discuss the weather.

PSHE: We will be learning about how sleep contributes to a healthy lifestyle; routines that support good quality sleep; the effects of lack of sleep on the body, feelings, behaviour and ability to learn. Children will also learn about puberty and hygiene. A specialist from the NHS will come in and run a session with the children.

