



ST. JAMES' LANEHEAD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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All Special in God's Eyes



Welcome to Class 3/4!

As you know your child's class teacher is Mrs Gregory and Mrs Chew will support in Class 3/4. Mrs McArdle and Mrs Burnett will also teach in Class 3/4.

Curriculum

Please look on our school website: www.st-jameslanehead.lancs.sch.uk to view our curriculum map and see what we will be learning about each term. If you do not have access to the internet then please see a member of the team.

PE

In Class 3/4 we have PE on a Monday and a Friday. Please ensure that your PE bag is brought to school on Monday and kept in school until Friday. You will need indoor and outdoor kit, which includes trainers. Long hair must always be tied back and for safety reasons earrings must be removed for PE. The children must do this themselves or come to school with them already removed.

Year 4 children also attend swimming lessons at Pendle Wavelengths on a Monday. Please ensure that your swim wear and towel is brought into school on this day. Children with long hair must wear a bathing cap. Pendle Wavelengths stipulate that all jewellery (including earrings) must be removed for swimming.

Reading books

At St James' Lanehead we love reading and want to encourage children to love reading too. The children are given the opportunity each week to select a free choice book from the library to take home. We also complete guided reading sessions daily. Children will be provided with a home reading book and a reading journal. We ask that you read with your child every day, even if it is a couple of pages! When you have read with your child, please write a short comment in their reading journal. Your son/daughter should bring their home reading book into school every day and place it in the reading tray. We will check reading journals every day to ensure books are changed promptly. Please write in the reading journal when the book has been completed and a new reading book will be sent home. We thank you in advance for your assistance in supporting your child's enjoyment and progress in reading.

In addition to reading the words in the book, it will support your child in their reading if you discuss the story, characters or the facts and ask questions about what they have read. We will be carrying out many activities in class linked to the effective vocabulary used by authors, discussing the effect this has on them as a reader. Therefore, it will help your son/daughter if you can also do this at home. We encourage children to read a range of books so if you have books at home or you visit the library, please feel free to comment in your child's reading journal about what they have read.

Thankfulness - Trust - Honesty - Friendship - Love - Peace - Forgiveness - Respect - Courage

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

We carry out GPS sessions every day and sometimes children will be sent specific tasks related to their learning. Please encourage your child to complete these promptly. Please also look on our school website for some links to GPS games. Your child will receive a spelling list each Friday and we will practice these spellings throughout the week in many different ways. Please support your child in practising their spellings each day, discussing the meaning of the words and using them in context, creating sentences with the words. We are then looking for children to spell these words correctly in their writing.

Homework

Children will be given homework linked to the curriculum. Homework is an important part of your child's learning journey. Children will receive weekly homework; English/Mathematics, with a focus on reading and learning multiplication facts. Homework is sent home on Fridays to be returned by the following Thursday.

We hope your child will enjoy being a part of Class 3/4 and if you need clarification about anything please do not hesitate to ask.

Information can be viewed on our school website at www.st-jameslanehead.lancs.sch.uk. Please keep looking at our class page where our learning will be regularly updated!

Thank you for your support and cooperation,

Mrs Gregory, Mrs Chew, Mrs McArdle and Mrs Burnett.