



# ST. JAMES' LANEHEAD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Welcome to Year 5 and 6!

As you know your class teacher is Mrs Irvine, who is supported by Mrs Hayman, Mrs Wilkinson and Mr Playfer. During the week when Mrs Irvine is completing vital planning and assessment work to prepare for the following week, Mrs Burnett will be teaching the class.

### Curriculum

Please look on our school website: [www.st-jameslanehead.lancs.sch.uk](http://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

We have PE lessons twice a week on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your PE bag is brought to school on Monday mornings and kept in school until Friday. We have a number of coaches and visitors coming into school this year who will be undertaking physical activities with the children. You will need indoor and outdoor kit at all times. Long hair must always be tied back and for safety reasons earrings and all other jewellery, must be removed for PE. The children must do this themselves or come to school with them already removed.

### Reading books

At St James' Lanehead we love reading and want to encourage children to love reading too. In class we complete guided reading sessions every day these include a range of activities and quizzes to support the children to develop reading skills.

The children are given the opportunity each week to select a free choice book from the library to take home and share with their family. All our children are encouraged to read every day both at home and in school. They are all at different stages in their reading so if your child is on a reading scheme (has a book specifically given to them by school) we ask that you read with your child every day, even if it is a couple of pages! If your child has progressed onto free choice (where they choose their own book) it is likely that they are independent readers and your time would be better spent with them discussing what they have read after a reading session. When you have read/discussed 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 near the entrance to the classroom. We will check reading journals every day to ensure books are changes promptly and to keep up to date with any comments you are making. We thank you in advance for your assistance in supporting your child's enjoyment and progress in reading.

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. They will be tested on this the following Friday. Please support your child in practising these every day. Regular short sessions is more effective than one longer one.

### **Homework**

Knowledge organisers will be sent home each half term. These are topic based and enhance the learning the children undertake in class. The children are to read them and to try to learn some of the facts they explain. In addition to this weekly tasks will be sent home on Fridays. These will have either an English or Maths focus and will be linked to either learning the children have completed in class that week. The children should be able to complete them independently and they should not take a great deal of time to complete.

We hope you will really enjoy being in year 5 and 6 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](http://www.st-jameslanehead.lancs.sch.uk). Please keep looking at our class page where our learning will be updated weekly!

Thank you for your support and cooperation,

Mrs Irvine