



**Godmanchester
Community Academy**

Welcome to Year 5



Meet the team



Holly Class



Miss Moss

TAs: Mrs Clarke

Poplar Class



Mrs Tester

TAs: Mrs George

Curriculum – just Autumn term!



Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
English	Jamie Drake Description , Explanation	Wolf Wilder Setting, Balanced argument
Maths	Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Statistics	Multiplication and Division, Perimeter and Area
Science	Earth and Space	Earth and Space
Humanities	Geog. – Land Use	Hist.- Hanoverians
RE	Living as a Christian	Living as a Christian
Art / DT	Monet - watercolours	Textiles - weaving
PE	Tennis Gymnastics	Netball Dance
PSHE	Beginning and Belonging	Anti- bullying
Computing	Digital Literacy – video editing/ photos	Programming
Music	Night-ferry	Night-ferry
MFL	A French town	A French town

PE/Games and Swimming



Our PE days are Wednesday (outdoor games) and Friday (indoor PE).

We will be swimming later in the year and we will share information on this nearer to the time.

Children are **to wear PE uniform to school** on PE days. This comprises of house colour t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt (no logos), navy blue or black shorts, trainers, plain navy blue or black jogging bottoms and sweatshirt.

On Friday, please ensure they are wearing shorts with their jogging bottoms over the top to keep them warm at playtime. For health and safety reasons they can't do dance or gym in jogging bottoms.

Earrings must be removed for PE lessons to prevent injury. Please ensure your child is able to remove their own and provide them with a small container to put them in. Current health and safety guidelines state that it is not adequate to tape earrings as these injuries can still occur. Therefore, if your child is unable to remove them, they either need to come to school without earrings in that day or wear plastic retainer earrings which can be purchased cheaply online. Please ask Mrs Tester for any further information if needed.

Home Learning



<https://ukhosted1.renlearn.co.uk/1894159/>

In Year 5 we expect your child to read at home for at least 20 minutes each day. Depending on your child, this can be independently or with an adult.

They will also be able to access Mathletics, TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed for further practise.

Why Reading?



- Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment everyday not only perform better in reading tests but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

We therefore expect children to not only read everyday at school but also at home. We understand this will look different for different children. For some it will require adult support but for others it will not. For some it will require reading full decodable books but for others it will not.

We urge you to promote daily reading with your child and to be a positive reading role model. Your child may be in Yr 5 now, but they still benefit from reading to or with an adult. It is also good for you to read your child's book to them sometimes (especially if they are too tired to read themselves) as they can hear your expression and see how you 'read' the punctuation etc.

We are always here to offer support and guidance should you have any questions linked to your child's reading whether that be ability or enthusiasm.

Class Dojo



Class Dojo: We continue to have great success using Class Dojo as a home-school communication system. All pupil and parent accounts have been transferred to the appropriate class over the summer holidays and are now functioning. Please remember, whilst we may choose to respond to messages during their evenings and at the weekends, there is no expectation that we will monitor the system after 5.30pm and before 8.30am. We have been given flexibility to fit the system around our personal situations so we may reply to you outside of these hours but please do not expect this. As with e-mail correspondents, you will receive a reply to your message within 48 hours of us receiving it (Monday-Friday only). We will not be able to look at or reply to messages sent during lesson time as we will obviously be teaching, therefore if it is urgent please contact the office. We will not be able to see messages sent between 1.00pm and 3.15pm regarding collection for that day, therefore these changes should be phoned in to the office. Please try to tell us of any changes in advance.

We ask that all messages to staff are polite and courteous.

Communications about absence must be made to the school office (01480 375115) and not via Class Dojo.



Uniform



- **Uniform and Appearance:** In preparation for a return to normality in September, we would like to remind you of the expected school uniform. Whilst we do sell logoed school polo shirts and jumpers via Price and Buckland (www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/godmanchestercommunity), there is no requirement for your child to wear logoed uniform. However, we ask that you adhere to the following in terms of colour choices. **We believe that a school uniform promotes a sense of community, belonging and pride in the school. Importantly, it also creates peer equality in terms of appearance.**
- Children should wear: school/plain **navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan; grey or black skirt, trousers , knee-length shorts or pinafore; blue gingham summer dress; white or navy blue polo shirt; black, grey or white tights or socks; sensible plain black shoes/boots** (for the winter) – no trainers, high heels or open toe sandals.
- Please note that children with shoulder length hair (or longer) should come to school with their hair tied back with a **simple hairband. Children should not wear large or bright bows or accessories.** If children do wear large bows or accessories, they will be asked to remove these and the class teacher will keep them until the end of the school day when they will be returned to the child. If children with shoulder length hair (or longer) arrive at school without it being tied back, they will be given a new hairband to tie their hair back.
- **Any child who arrives at school without the appropriate uniform will be offered spare uniform on arrival at school and their parent/carer will be notified by Class Dojo that they have arrived at school without the appropriate uniform.**
- If, for any reason, you have problems providing your child(ren) with the appropriate uniform, please make contact with the school (office@godmanchestercommunity.co.uk) and a member of staff will make contact to understand how we can best help.
- We would also like to remind parents/carers and pupils that **we do not allow jewellery other than simple stud earrings and a simple analogue/digital watch** for health and safety reasons. Earrings must be removed for PE, games and swimming lessons so please ensure your child is able to remove these independently. If they are unable to remove them, please ensure they do not come to school wearing earrings on days that they will be engaged in these activities. We are not advised to put tape over earrings anymore for PE.
- Additionally, **no makeup or nail varnish should be worn in school.**
- **Any child who arrives at school wearing jewellery (other than simple studs or a watch) or make up will be reminded of the school uniform expectations and their parent/carer will be notified by Class Dojo.**

School Values



We only have two school values; Work hard and be kind. These underpin everything we do in school.

Lunches and Snacks



- **Packed lunches:** Although we do not routinely comment on the contents of packed lunch boxes, we feel it is necessary to remind parents/carers of **the need to provide their child with a nutritious and balanced lunch**. We have seen an increase in the amount of high sugar and fat items being consumed from lunch boxes over the last year. Healthy packed lunches should be based on the eatwell plate food groups (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-eatwell-guide>) which promotes balance and variety in the diet.
- Additionally, please remember that **we are a nut free school**. It is vitally important that you ensure that items within your child's lunch box are nut free as we have a number of children and staff with nut allergies.
- **Snacks:** Following on from the above, please ensure that if you are sending your child into school with a snack, that it is either fruit or vegetables. Again, we have noticed an increase in children bringing in high sugar cereal bars or biscuits for a snack or concentrated fruit bars such as fruit winders. Such items are not permitted as a snack within school. Children in Key Stage 1 receive a piece of fruit or vegetable as a snack as part of the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. Therefore, there is no need to provide your child with a snack if they are in Key Stage 1.

Reminders



- The school gates are open from 8:45am. We start lessons promptly at 9am. To enable your child to start lessons with the rest class, please allow sufficient time for them to take off their coat and sort out their belongings.
- Please ensure your child has a waterproof-coat everyday as the weather is so changeable.
- We are still keeping windows open for ventilation so as the weather gets colder please ensure your child has a jumper or cardigan (they can always take it off if they are too hot!).
- In Yrs 5 and 6, children are permitted to bring phones in to school. This is only necessary if your child comes to school on their own. Phones must be in their bag as soon as they enter the school grounds, they are put in a box in the classroom where they stay until the end of the day. They are then handed back to the child to put in their bag. There is therefore no point in a child bringing a phone to school unless they are walking home alone and may need to contact you in an emergency. We do not accept responsibility for any phones bought into school.