



LYDIA CLASS

Year 5 – Mrs Johnson (Teacher)

Miss Bowdler and Mrs Vohra (Teaching Assistants)

Spiritual	Trusted	Resilient	Inquisitive	Valued	Exceptional
*Show respect *Have beliefs *Be reflective	*Be relied upon *Show responsibility *Take care of people and property	*Have a go *Keep on trying *Show independence	*Ask questions *Be eager to learn *Discover new things	*Listen to each other *Work as a team *Share opinions	*Be outstanding *Show your strengths *Take on challenge

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year our class will be known as Lydia Class, named after Lydia, an exceptional woman of faith from the Bible. Lydia was a successful and influential woman who was among the first people in Europe to respond to the message of Christ. She listened with an open heart, embraced her faith with courage, and used her gifts to welcome and support others.

In Scripture, Lydia reminds us that being exceptional is not simply about what we achieve, but how we use our gifts to serve God and others. Her generosity, leadership and hospitality helped to build the early Christian community. As a class, we hope to follow Lydia's example by being courageous in our faith, generous with our gifts and welcoming to all, recognising that each of us has something special to offer our community and the wider world.

Class Dojo

The school uses Class Dojo as a way to promote **STRIVE** as well as being an opportunity for you to contact Mrs Johnson about any query you may have. Please make sure you have signed up so that we can share all our learning with you.

PE

PE takes place every Monday (swimming) and Thursday. On these days, children will be expected to attend school in their PE kit, which consists of navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms, a pale blue polo shirt and their normal school jumper/cardigan.

We will be starting this year with swimming lessons every Monday morning. Children need to come to school in their P.E. kits with a separate bag containing their swimming essentials.



Block 1

In Literacy, we will begin with *Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover* by Markus Motum, an illustrated non-fiction book that tells the story of NASA's Mars rover from the robot's own point of view. Using Curiosity's incredible journey as inspiration, we will explore the theme of exploration, creating our own narratives and developing our understanding of how to create an engaging setting. We will also write a formal mission log, developing our ability to write for different purposes and audiences.

In Maths, we will develop our understanding of place value up to 100,000, including comparing, ordering and rounding numbers. We will also explore Roman numerals and build confidence when adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers.

In Science, our focus will be Living Things and Their Habitats. We will investigate how living things are classified, explore a variety of habitats and consider how different organisms are adapted to their environments.

In History, we will explore the thought-provoking question: "How did people's voices and choices shape their lives in World War II?" Through the themes of media, identity and freedom, we will investigate how people experienced the war and how their voices, decisions and circumstances shaped their lives.



Reading

Reading is the key to academic success! As well as immersing children into different imaginative worlds, it enriches their vocabulary and comprehension skills! Reading every day will ensure your child makes progress. Please support the development of our amazing independent readers and ensure your child reads for around 20 minutes per evening, recording this in their reading record.





Homework

Please see below for the homework schedule.
Regardless of what day your child finishes their book, we will endeavour to change it for them (time allowing).

All homework is to be completed for the following Thursday.

	Reading books	Homework set
Monday		
Tuesday	Check reading records	
Wednesday		
Thursday		Maths homework due Reading Eggs due
Friday	Check reading records	Spellings (set then tested every Friday) Maths homework set in White Rose Homework Book Reading Eggs task

Thank you for your continued support to aid your child's development and progress. The partnership between school and home is crucial to reinforce concepts learnt and enable your child to reach their full potential. I am looking forward to what next block ahead holds. If you have any questions or queries, please contact me on Class Dojo.

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Important Dates

Monday 7th September - Year 5 Swimming Begins

Thursday 10th September – Meet the Teacher 3.40pm

Thursday 17th September – St James' open evening

Friday 18th September – 2.45pm Year 5 Assembly

Saturday 26th Stockport Harriers school cross country race Y3 -6 (10.30am at Woodbank Park)

Wednesday 30th September – school nurse drop in session

Thursday 24th September – school photographer in (pupils and siblings)

Thursday 2nd October – Harrytown Open Evening (4.30 – 7.30pm)

Friday 9th October – PTA Family Night at St Peters – 7pm

Thursday 22nd October – Parent/ teacher meetings (virtual) 3.45 – 7pm

Friday 23rd October – close for half term holiday

Monday 2nd November – school re-opens

Friday 6th November – Mini Vinnie assembly

Saturday 7th November – open morning (10-12pm)

Friday 13th November – Fun Friday

Friday 13th November – Year 5 Assembly (2.45pm)

