A big, warm welcome to Year 5!! I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and the children are excited to be back with their friends. I am extremely pleased to be welcoming the same friendly faces back to my classroom this year. There have been many exciting changes to the school building over the summer and we have made the short relocation across the corridor to our new classroom.

Welcome to Year 5!

Like last year, if at any point you have a question or a concern please don't hesitate to contact me either via phone or ask for a meeting face to face. I am always more than happy to help!

Year 5 Staff

Mrs Logie (Class Teacher)

As a new member of staff in January 2023, I have to say I have thoroughly loved my time at BVPS so far! Before gaining my position at BVPS, I taught a range of age groups between the locations of Southport, Dubai and Glasgow. In addition to being the Year 5 class teacher, I am the subject leader for PE and History within school.

Mrs Rice (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Rice will be supporting in class, working with small groups of children and providing one-to-one support. Mrs Rice has many years' experience supporting children across all years at Burscough Village Primary School and has worked with this particular year group on many occasions.

Miss Weston

Miss Weston will continue to cover my planning time this year. Miss Weston recently completed her Level 5 PE Specialist Certificate, so I am certain the children will continue enjoy her enthusiastic and fun approach to PE lessons.

On Thursday mornings Year 5 will have Mrs Porter teaching the class Art/ICT and Mrs Rowlands teaching Spanish/Music.

Important Information for Year 5

PE Days

Year 5 pupils will have PE on **Tuesday and Friday.**

Pupils should bring their full PE kit and trainers (please see school website for details) at the start of term and leave it in their locker until the end of the half-term.

If at any point PE kits need to go home for cleaning/after-school PE club etc., please ensure that they return to school the next day.

Year 5 are scheduled to go swimming after the Easter break this year.

Guitar

Year 5 will have whole class guitars every Wednesday for the first term (up until Christmas). Children will be issued with a guitar which they are to take to and from school. It is extremely important that the children look after and bring their guitar to school each week.

Homework

Homework is a valuable way of enhancing your child's learning outside of the classroom as well as helping them to develop their independence and organisational skills.

Year 5 pupils will receive the following homework:

Maths & English - Children will be receiving English **and** Maths homework per week. Each half term, homework will be given out in a folder. What to complete each week is indicated by the date on the top of each piece of work. Children are to bring their homework files into school with them each Monday to hand in the relevant piece of work.

Spellings – Every **Monday** children will receive 10 spellings which they will have to learn ready for a test the following **Monday**. Children are to look after these spellings each week by keeping them in their homework folder.

Reading – Reading really does support the children with so much of their learning. Because of this, pupils should try to read as frequently as possible. They will have some opportunity to read the books they have chosen from the library/school reading scheme during the school day but children should aim to read a minimum 3 times a week at home. Any reading is to be recorded in their reading diary by the pupils themselves or an adult at home. Children should **always** have their reading book and diary in school with them **every day**. Once a pupil has finished a book, they are to select a new one, there will be opportunity to do this at the beginning of each day. I will collect in reading diaries each week to monitor reading.

Having taught the children for most of Year 4, I am excited that I get another WHOLE year with the class. I was astounded by academic and personal progress that all pupils achieved last year and I know that Year 5 is going to as successful (if not more) ...

Kind regards,

Mrs Logie