



Welcome to Year 5!

Welcome to what promises to be an exciting year for our Year 5 children! I am delighted to have your children with me as they embark on this new chapter, filled with fresh challenges and opportunities for both academic and personal growth. After spending time with the children during their transition sessions at the end of the summer term, I can already sense the energy and enthusiasm in the classroom, and I am eager to see what this year will bring. I am here to support both the children and you, so please feel free to reach out if you have any concerns or questions.

Year 5 Staff

Miss Lawrence (Class Teacher)

I am incredibly excited to begin my first year of teaching at Burscough Village Primary School! I recently graduated from Edge Hill University (July 2024) with a First-Class degree in Primary Education, and I couldn't be more thrilled to start my teaching journey with your wonderful children. My university placements in Years 2, 3, and 6 have provided me with valuable experience and inspiration for the year ahead. My personal background in dance and drama, with 19 years of performance experience, including at Disneyland Paris, will influence my creative approach in the classroom to inspire your children, alongside my strong background in sports, particularly in netball and badminton. I look forward to helping the children explore their creative and athletic as well as academic potential.

Mrs Huxtable (Class Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Huxtable and I will be working together with Year 5 this year. With many years of experience supporting children across all year groups at BVPS, Mrs Huxtable will be a valuable asset in our

classroom. She will be assisting with in-class activities, working with small groups, and providing one-to-one support.

On a Tuesday morning (8:45-10:45), **Miss Weston** will teach handwriting and Spanish to the pupils whilst I am having my planning time.

Important Information for Year 5

PE Days

Year 5 children will have PE on **Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon.**

Children 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.

Homework

Year 5 pupils will receive the following homework to support and enhance their learning:

Maths and English - Children will be receiving Maths and English homework each week.

Homework will be given out on a **Tuesday** and it will need to be completed and handed in the following **Monday**. Children need to make sure that they look after their homework in the plastic wallet provided to them.

Spellings – Every **Tuesday** children will receive 10 spellings which they will have to learn ready for a test the following **Monday**. A paper copy of the spellings will be given to pupils to enable them to practice at home. Alongside this, pupils will work on these spellings during lessons.

Reading – Pupils should try to read as frequently as possible. Whilst pupils will be reading independently, we still ask that they or yourselves record when they have read in their reading records, so we can keep track of how much they are doing at home. I will be checking this each **Friday**.

Guitars

Year 5 will have whole class guitar lessons every Wednesday afternoon for the first term (up until Christmas). Please ensure they bring their allocated guitar to school each Wednesday, as they will be taking them home again at the end of the day. It is important that the children take responsibility for caring for their guitars at home to keep them in good condition.

I know your children are ready for the next step in their education and I am really excited to get to know them over the next year and for us to work as a team in supporting your children.

Best regards,
Miss Lawrence