



Welcome to Year 5



I hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful summer break. I'm delighted to be teaching this cohort of children again and I'm looking forward to getting to know them—and you—better throughout the year. Building a strong partnership between home and school is important to me, so please remember, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to me or call the school office. Together, we can make this a happy, successful, and memorable year for your child.

Year 5 Staff



Mrs Berkley (Class Teacher)

I have been teaching at Burscough Village Primary School for about 17 years and have experience of teaching across KS1 and KS2. When I first started working at BVPS, I taught in Year 5 for several years, so it's nice to be working in upper KS2 again. As well as being a class teacher I also lead Maths, Science, and organise the Pupil Council. I am particularly interested in Science and I'm sure that your children will enjoy all of the investigations and experiments that we do in Y5. In my spare time I enjoy adventures with my family, going to the theatre and listening to music.



Mrs Logie (Cover Teacher – Wednesday morning)

Mrs Logie is an experienced teacher with a passion for Physical Education. She is looking forward to covering in Y5 on Wednesday mornings.



Miss Weston (HLTA)

Miss Weston will be supporting the children across the curriculum. She brings expertise and enthusiasm in PE and loves Spanish too.



Miss Rice (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Rice will be delivering targeted interventions to individuals and small groups of children. She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge that can support all children but has a particular expertise working with our SEND children.

Important Dates

Swimming – Starts Tuesday 3rd November then every week until Tuesday 8th December (last session)

Bikeability - Although we haven't had the dates through yet, Bikeability session will run in Y5.

If your child isn't yet able to ride a bike, please don't worry - there are still a few months before the sessions begin, providing a perfect opportunity to practise together and build up their skills. We do have some bikes in school, if you haven't got one at home, please come and speak to the school office.

PE Days

Year 5 children will have PE on **Monday** and **Wednesday** in Autumn 1.

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.

In KS2, we take part in an active session every day which will involve taking part in various physical activities. The children will need a pair of black trainers in their PE bags. Regular physical activity not only supports healthy bodies but also boosts concentration, confidence, and wellbeing, ensuring children are ready to learn and thrive.

PSHE - Health and Hygiene

As children grow and become more independent, PSHE lessons in Y5 will encourage the children to build good habits, like showering frequently and using deodorant. These habits help them feel clean, comfortable and confident. Some girls may begin their periods; we have essentials at school and will support them as needed. Please let me know if you require any help. Working together, we can help every child feel happy and sure of themselves in Year 5!

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. Please encourage children to come and see me before the due date if they are finding anything difficult and we can go through it together. Additionally, if you need any advice/support regarding homework, please come and see me.

English & Maths Homework: These will be given out every **Friday** and should be returned the following **Friday**. We will mark the homework tasks together so that it gives the children chance to identify and correct any mistakes. As a class, we can also share strategies and identify areas to improve.

Spellings: Spellings will be given out on **Friday** and tested on the following **Friday**. Alongside learning these at home, we will complete daily spelling activities in school. I've included a spelling strategy sheet in their homework folder for you to refer to.

Reading: Children should be reading at home **at least three times a week**. They will have two books: one banded book matched to their reading level and one reading for pleasure book of their own choice. Please support your child by discussing what they're reading and signing their reading record regularly. The children's reading records will be checked every **Friday**.

Online Safety

While the internet offers great learning opportunities for learning, being creative and socialising, it also comes with risks which us as parents need to be increasingly aware of. I have put together a list of suggested top tips for any devices but as a school we will be offering more support with this throughout the year.

Top Tips for Keeping Your Child Safe

- Device use in the same room as an adult
- Set Parental Controls
- Set screen time limitations.
- Check your child's device
- Talk Regularly, offer advice and support regarding situations/conversations
- Balance Screen Time
- Check Age Ratings of apps/games and make informed decisions about this
- Be Alert to In-Game Spending
- Encourage Kindness Online

After getting to reconnect with the children in Y4, I can see just how ready they are for Year 5. I'm really looking forward to working with them and supporting your family over the coming year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Berkley, Mrs Logie, Miss Weston and Mrs Rice