

Nurture, Inspire, Flourish

Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge welcome to **Team 5!** I'm so excited to start this new school year with your child and to support them as they take the next big step into Upper Key Stage 2. Year 5 is such an important year, full of new opportunities and challenges, and I can't wait to see each child grow in confidence, skills and knowledge.

Before the summer holidays, Mr Lawrie and I organised lots of 'taster sessions' (as well as our transition day) to help the children feel settled in their new classroom. Because of this, the children are already familiar with me, **Miss Clift**, and of course **Mr Flaherty**, who has moved up with the class from Team 4. We are also joined by **Mrs Caroe**, who will be teaching Art and Science this year.



Mr Kershaw
Teacher



Mr Flaherty
Assistant



Miss Clift
Assistant



Mrs Caroe
Art and Science
Teacher



Mrs Coman-Jones
Assistant
(Maternity Leave)

A day in Team 5

8.30-8.50am	Morning challenges and register	1:15 pm	Register, happy breathing and class read
8.55am	Reading and Spelling or Ready Steady Read (dependent on learning needs)	1.20pm	Handwriting, DEAR time and topic learning- science, PE, French, music, computing, RE, Myhappymind, PSHE, circle time, history, geography, art, DT
9.50am	Snack	3.10pm	Tidy up
10.00am	English	3.15pm	Home time
11:05am	Break		
11.20am	Maths		
12.20pm	Lunch		

PPA time for me will be on Monday morning and covered by Mrs Caroe doing Science. Art will also be covered by Mrs Caroe on a Tuesday afternoon.

Our PE day will be a **Wednesday**. Children will **come into school in their PE kit** each Wednesday. Children should wear black PE shorts/black jogging bottoms, a school PE top/plain white top and trainers. They can wear their school jumper/cardigan as normal.



Home learning

Reading

In Team 5, we recognise the impact regular reading has on our lives. As a result of this, children are expected to **read for 15 minutes, 5 times a week at home** and to record this in their reading record. Please let us know by writing in your child's reading record after



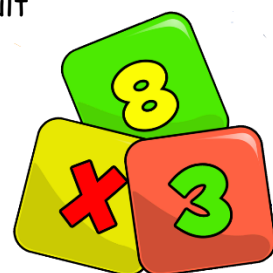
each reading session. We also encourage children to take ownership of this and write in it independently to tell us when they have read.

Readings will be recorded from Wednesday to Wednesday. Therefore, children have 7 days to read 5 times and log it in their reading journal.

If a child fails to meet this, they will be expected to read during Wednesday break time, as it is imperative they are reading consistently as they lead up to SATs. We kindly ask your child to bring in a **notebook from home** to use as their reading record.

Times Tables

Times tables are essential to access maths and even day to day life. As a result of this, we focus on this heavily in Team 5. Throughout Team 5, we expect children to complete **15 minutes per week on TTRockstars**. We implement this in Team 5, as it gives children the key building blocks to understand and complete maths SATs. TTRockstars minutes will be recorded from Thursday to Thursday. Due to this, children will have 7 days to complete their expected 15 minutes. If this expectation is not met, children will complete this during Thursday break time on a school iPad.



The year ahead



Team 5 is a year filled with enjoyment and opportunity! We have lots of exciting things in store for our curriculum this year including two exciting history workshops dedicated to the Ancient Maya, the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings! Also, we will be going on two geographical field trips. One will be dedicated to attacking an environmental issue in the local area, while the other will further be geographical fieldwork in Alyn Waters, North Wales. Moreover, we will also be developing our RE knowledge, by attending a local church event to learn more about the Easter story. The children in team 5 will also be exposed to more potential responsibility, as

they have the opportunity to apply for school job roles like House captains, Art ambassadors, Eco Champions and much more!

To find out more about our curriculum, please visit our class page on the school website.

The Team 5 teaching staff and I will always be ready to help and support you and your child. Each morning and after school, you will find one of us on the door, while my email is available between the times of 8:00A:M and 18:30P:M Monday-Friday. However, if you ever feel something is urgent, feel free to call the office and messages will be passed through to the classroom. In regards to communicating learning, we advise you follow the school's X/Twitter page at @HMillSchool, as we will be posting our learning journey on this platform daily to celebrate the effort and achievements across the year.

Once again, please do feel free to get in touch. We are always here to help in whatever way we can. My email address is lkershaw@hornsmill.cheshire.sch.uk.

Once again, a warm welcome to Team 5. We can't wait to start this new beginning with yourself and your child!

Kind Regards,
Mr Kershaw.