



**Grange Junior
School**

Meet the Teachers Year 5

September 2021

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The Year 5 Team!

- Mrs Dias – Willow Class Teacher and Reading Lead
- Mrs McGarry – Laurel Class Teacher and Design & Technology Lead
- Mr Olvaso (Mrs O) – Spruce Class Teacher, Year Leader and Music Lead
- Mrs Terrell – TA (Willow)
- Mrs Moore/Miss Ward – TA (Laurel)
- Mrs Ostler – TA (Spruce)



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Back to School

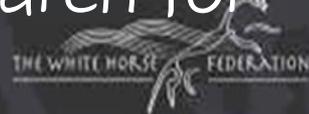
Back to school activities took place at the beginning of term (Week 1) as a way of getting to know the children and helping them settle back into school life. From this week, we are teaching the curriculum.

Information shared from the previous teachers.

We are building on the learning from Year 4.

We will also be preparing the children for Year 6.

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The Curriculum

- * Our aim is that children will be happy, successful and independent learners as well as responsible citizens.
- * Maths and English are taught daily. Some subjects are taught discretely.
- * Big projects – foundation focus to develop Wonder, Explore, Create curriculum.



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Project learning and afternoons

Do you need to be rich to be powerful?

Some subjects are taught through these projects (Art, History, Geography).

Others, such as Music, Computing, R.E, P.E, Science and French are taught discretely.

P.E

Willow class = Wednesday and Thursday

Spruce class = Wednesday and Thursday

Laurel class = Thursday and Friday

Children need to come to school wearing their PE kits on these days.



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Inclusion and support

During Year 5, children may be taught in different ways based upon their individual needs.

We may use:

- * Individual learning support (regularly or as one offs)
- * Group work with either a Teaching Assistant or Class Teacher



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Behaviour Expectations

We have three key rules
for behaviour:





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Our Values

There are five core values we encourage and promote in the children's approach to life and learning daily:

- Aspiration
- Bravery
- Resilience
- Reflection
- Support



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School Rewards

There are a variety of rewards on offer for the children to celebrate their positive choices and achievements including stickers, raffle tickets, marbles in a jar and class certificates.

House Points are rewarded via tokens in the colours of the houses are awarded directly to the children by any staff across the whole school. These are counted weekly and totals announced in assembly on a Friday.

Busy Bee certificates are given to a child in each class every Friday assembly for displaying one of our key values in their learning.

Reading, spellings and times tables

Reading happens every day in school either independently, as part of lessons or as part of whole class reading sessions (4x a week) with the teacher.

In addition, we encourage children to read regularly with an adult at home. (Reading Records)

Spellings are taught weekly and regular tests given on spelling rules and patterns. Spellings will be posted on Seesaw each Friday.

Times tables knowledge is practised frequently within maths lessons. It is essential that your child also practises them at home. Children should be practising Times Table Rock Stars at home.



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Homework

- * We will be setting homework weekly on SeeSaw. This will include reading activities, spellings and times tables.
- * A Project Pick & Mix activity sheet will also be available to choose from.



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Parent Helpers

- * While we are back to “normal”, there will be a number of opportunities for parents to help out:
 - * Reading in school
 - * School events
 - * Trips
- * Once rules around having additional adults in school have changed please see the office to let us know if you are interested in helping out within school by hearing children read. We can arrange a time that suits you and can work around your other commitments.



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Communication

A strong home/school communication is vital!

Please do contact us if you have any queries or concerns...

- * Use your parent Seesaw login (we will check this daily after school)
- * Phone the office to make an appointment
- * Email the office and they will redirect your message to us

Whatever is best for you!

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