



Temple Meadow
Primary School
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Year 5 Updates

Dear Parents/Carers

I'm sure you are aware that our adaptations to Year 5 are happening at pace. As promised, I am sharing further information with you.

We have already expanded the classroom and teaching model to support the growth in numbers.

We have moved the library out of the Learning Zone and the Learning Zone is now an appropriate Year 5 classroom with a connecting door between both Y5 classes.

Learning is happening across both classrooms but remains cohesive across all of Year 5 and they continue to work closely as one cohort.

We have been thinking ahead for Year 6 and have already completed our class mixing so it can begin now with a two-class model in Year 5. Class names are 5 Pullman and we bring back the 5 Rosen class name.

Mr Malcolm and Mrs Shelley have completed the class mixing and of course took into account friendship groups; pupils needing to be in different classes from each other; SEND (special education needs); mixture of learning abilities generally across classes and any other compelling reasons linked to class mixing. The new classes at this moment remain smaller than average with 23 and 24 in classes at the time of writing this.

Clearly, I cannot send all of you a full list of pupil names across the year group; so your child will have the information shared directly with them tomorrow (Friday 25th April 2024) and in turn, they will then inform you as their Parents/Carers.

We have even allocated the additional lockers needed to meet need and we had a lovely gesture from our current Year 6 when some volunteered to give up their locker to support younger pupils in school all having one.

The class mix will be fully in effect from Monday, with two registration groups set up. Also on Monday, we launch our 'Boot Camp' for Year 5; we have done this over the last few years to support transition, progress and attainment for all of Year 5 as they move to Year 6. In essence, we create a summer term that looks like Year 6. I will meet the Year 5 cohort tomorrow (alongside the Year 5 team and Mr Smith, our current Year 6 teacher and AHT leading the phase), to share this and explain the rationale for 'Boot Camp', which is about pupils 'Aiming High'. They will get brand new English and Maths books that transition straight through to Year 6. This is so that Year 6 learning and momentum starts on day one of the autumn term. In these books, they aim high with presentation; handwriting and all the things they know to sustain and build on. The English books will have the Year 6 TAF sheets (assessment sheets that support the teacher judgement for the KS2 SATS writing outcome) which children get to know and understand in detail and they take great pride as elements are signed off on their journey to KS2 outcomes.



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You will get information regarding the Year 6 teaching team for next year in the same way as all other parents do when a letter goes out with the pupil reports. These new classes transition through to Year 6 with no additional changes.

I am currently also hatching a plan whereby Year 5 will move to the Year 6 classrooms (with their current teachers) for the final week of term. This will ensure their learning environments and ways of working and seating models are all in place ready for September.

One final thing to note; as from next Monday (Monday 29th April), Year 5 dismissal will be from the Year 5 classroom fire exit door (previously our Learning Zone). This is where Year 4 are currently dismissed.

The MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) is where Year 4 dismissal will now happen.

Yours sincerely,



**Ms Walsh
Headteacher**