

Hi 4R,

It's Miss Buckley here and I will be your new teacher next year! I've already taught some of you in Year 3 and I am very happy to teach you all again. I've been busy getting our classroom ready for next year and I am excited to see you all. Some of you may already know but if not, I am the Geography subject leader so I have made sure we have lots of geography resources for us to use next year, especially when we look closely at the Aztecs and the Vikings in our Geography lessons. You may want to do a little research ready for September...

If you would like to make yourself as ready as you can be for Year 5, there are a few things you could do at home. Try to make sure you are confident with your times tables because they help us with some of the maths we will be doing. You could also be recapping the 4-digit place value you have learnt in year 4 so that you feel confident when we look at 5-digit numbers and beyond. It would be a good idea if you could have a look at your rights and select your favourite one ready to write it up in your neatest handwriting in September, this is to help decorate our rainforest themed year group charter.

When you are in Year 5 you will become more independent learners as we will be building on your hard work from Year 4. As well as doing lots of important new maths, reading and different styles of writing, we have some brilliant topics in History and Geography! We will start the year off by learning about the Aztecs and the Rainforest, in Spring we learn about the Vikings and in the Summer, we look at the Victorians. These are such interesting topics and I hope you're as excited as me to find out more! In RE, we will be looking into the deeper meaning behind a range of Jesus' Parables, finding out more about some of the Sacraments and, of course, learning about the very important times of year, such as Holy Week, Easter and Christmas! In Science, we will find out about different kinds of animals, the Solar System and mixing and separating. We'll carry out some interesting investigations and you will all behave like true scientists! We will learn to sing, play and write some new songs, develop our computing skills and our PE skills will grow (don't forget your PE kit)! What a busy year we will have!

I know there have been lots of changes to school this year and it may seem a little scary in September, but I and all the other teachers are here for you. Obviously, we haven't seen many of you for a few months, but don't worry about what to expect when you come back. When you are back, I will find out from you how you are, all the things you have been doing at home, answer any questions you might have and talk about your worries and hopes for the year ahead. We will have a collective worship to think about changes and worries and talk about how we can overcome them.

I am super excited to be teaching you in a new year group! We are going to be doing lots of hard work and having lots of fun, too.

See you soon,

Miss Buckley