

Autumn Term

Year 5 Newsletter

I would like to say a huge warm welcome back to you all - whether you are new, or a returning student or parent. I hope you had a relaxing and restful summer and are raring to go for the new school year!

I hope you have had a chance to come in and see our classroom – named 'TURTLES' – and found our 'Open House' useful and informative. I am so looking forward to getting to know my class, working hard and having lots of fun!

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For those of you who do not know much about me, I come from Sunderland near Newcastle, U.K. I have a degree in and a passion for language. Prior to coming to Provo, I taught for 4 years in the UK in Year 3/4 and Year 6. Since being at Provo Primary, I have taught Year 6 for 2 years and a joint Year 5/6 and then for the last three years I have taught Year 5. I am excited about continuing teaching in Year 5 again this year. As your child enters upper KS2, I feel that knowing about Year 6 here on island (the children's final year in primary) has and will continue to inform my teaching of Year 5 and really help prepare them this transition ahead. I am extremely enthusiastic in my approach to teaching, always striving to reach the highest standards and developing the best possible education for children. I have very high expectations of the children in my class in return and have no doubt, knowing your children through Spanish already, that I will not be disappointed this year. My priority in teaching is to encourage every student to achieve his or her maximum potential by using a wide and varied range of techniques, resources and experiences tailored to their individual needs; thus enabling them to become independent (and hopefully enthusiastic) lifelong learners.

In order to give the children the experience of working with different teachers (and gaining from their specific areas of expertise), they will have the benefit of several teachers in addition to myself: Mrs. Niki and Ms. Shara will be working together to teach Theatre Arts; I will be continuing to teach Spanish but Miss Yorke will be also teaching this explicitly and in immersion form while teaching Art/Design Technology and some Literacy. If you, or anyone you know of, in the community would like to share their special skills/expertise in a relevant area with the children I would love to hear from you!

Let me begin by passing on some general information:

- PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays so your child should come to school wearing their PE kit but should also bring their uniform with them to change into afterwards.
- An adequate water bottle is essential – school is not able to provide regular top ups.
- Hats are essential for outdoor activities.
- No jewellery should be worn (except watches and stud ear-rings)
- Snacks should be healthy – with fruit/Veg choices.
- Storage space outside our room is limited, so please only bring what's needed each day.
- To ensure the safety of all children after 3pm, please do not allow children to play on the playground equipment, soccer pitch or garden without your direct supervision.
- If you have any questions, problems, ideas or issues to discuss (however small or big) please feel free to come and speak to me before or after school.



For detailed information on the Curriculum areas we will be covering in Year 5 this year please refer to the Year 5 Curriculum booklet which will be up on our website shortly.

Further details on our topic this term will be up-coming in the next few weeks

I hope you find this information useful and hopefully I will be meeting you all in the very near future. As I said, I am looking forward to this year and working closely with your children to help each of them attain their goals and have a wonderful year here at Provo Primary School.

Yours,  *Miss Cara* 