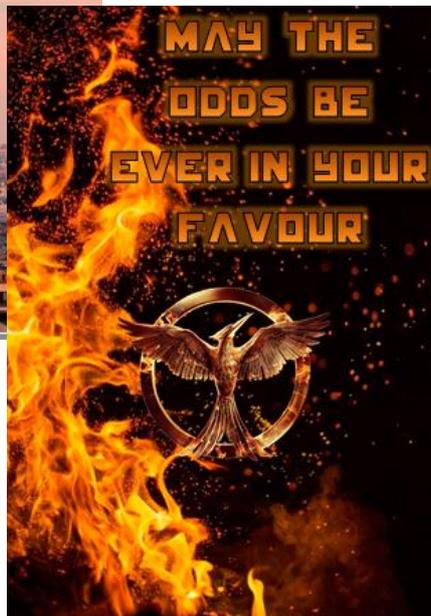


Meet the Teacher Year 5



Miss Brookes & Mrs Figgins
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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I would like to begin by offering a very warm welcome to both yourselves and your children for what is to come in the new school year at Thursfield. I'm Miss Brookes and I'm very excited to be teaching Year 5 (class name yet to be determined!) next year. Our teaching assistant will be Mrs Figgins, who has been with Thursfield for many years and has vast experience throughout Upper Key Stage 2.

I firmly believe that children should enjoy coming to school and aim to make this the case for every member of my class. Children naturally want to learn and find out about the world around them and it is our job to nurture this and nurture every possible opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding. I also believe that every child is an individual, with differing needs and abilities, and it is my aim to help each child to reach their potential.

The children will be taught this year through a topic-based approach, as in the previous years. Each term we will study a topic, which will facilitate the teaching and learning of Literacy, History, Geography, Art, Design and Technology and Music to be linked together under a common theme.

I believe that every child deserves to be taught the curriculum that is exciting and interesting, as children learn best when they are motivated. With that in mind the Year 5/6 topics have been carefully chosen to provide the best learning opportunities that the children will hopefully enjoy.

Autumn term topic is '**We Will Always Have Paris**' which looks at WW2.

In the Spring term, our topic is '**May The Odds Be Ever In Your Favour.**' Our class read will be The Hunger Games and we will delve into what makes a dystopian universe.

Our Summer term topic is '**The Be Or Not To Be.**' During this topic, we will be studying famous Shakespeare texts whilst preparing for our own Summer Show!

Literacy: Reading and Writing

Children will be expanding their reading and writing skills through literacy lessons, class read sessions and handwriting practise daily. It is also important that work is followed up at home in order for your child to make progress. Therefore, children should be heard to read **every night**, spellings should be practised and weekend homework should be completed. There is a whole new school reading and spelling policy this year where the children MUST read and complete their spellings EVERY night and if this is not completed the children will have to stay in the following break time to complete. This is carefully monitored in school. Homework is given out on a Thursday and should be returned to school the following Tuesday, A homework clinic is also available for your children every Friday where they can get extra help or any resources.

How can you help further at home?

- Talk with your child about their day and yours. Listen to them and ask open questions for them to develop and extend.
- Share books together, especially stories with extended vocabulary that are beyond the child's own reading skills. Talk about the characters and setting. What do you think might happen next?
- Encourage them to write notes, lists, menus, birthday cards, letters, emails and posters.
- Support them reading their Home Reading book and library books. Make it a special time that you can share and enjoy.

Numeracy

The children will be having one hour of maths each day that follows the Upper KS2 Curriculum. The sessions consist of a mental maths warm up, group teaching and independent learning through hands on activities.

Year 5: How can you help and support?

- All Times Tables up to 12x12 (Times Table Rock Stars app or similar)
- The value of digits up to 1,000,000 (One million)
- Column addition and subtractions methods with up to 4 digits
- Multiplication of 4 digit numbers by 2 or 1 digit numbers, using the column method
- Real life application, let your child handle money, estimate the food bill, tell the time etc.

Please remember that **we are always here to help**. No question or concern is ever too unimportant to bring to us. If you have any queries, concerns or need information, do not hesitate to contact us or call in after school for a quick chat. If you require further information or wish to discuss any other matters with me, I will be more than happy to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time. We all want to work with you to ensure that your child continues to enjoy school, develop in confidence and self-esteem, and to enjoy the challenges of new learning.

This is the start of a very exciting year for the children and with your support we can all look forward to making this year a success.

Thank you,

Miss Brookes and Mrs Figgins 😊