



Meet the Teacher - Class 50'K



1 - Welcome to Class 50'K

A welcome message from Miss O'Keeffe

In my new class, I bring 13 years of teaching experience to the table, with a primary focus on Key Stage 2 education. Throughout my career, I have developed a deep passion for fostering children's curiosity about the world around them, especially in the realm of science. As the designated Science Subject Lead, I am committed to creating an environment where students are not only encouraged to ask questions but also empowered to seek answers through exploration and discovery. My enthusiasm for igniting the spark of scientific inquiry in young minds is matched only by my interest in the arts, particularly drawing, which I believe complements and enriches the learning experience. Additionally, as an avid supporter of Blackpool FC with a cherished season ticket, I understand the importance of team spirit, dedication, and perseverance, values that I aim to instill in my students. Through a combination of my teaching experience, passion for inquiry-based learning, and personal interests, I aspire to create a calm, engaging, and welcoming classroom where every child is encouraged to succeed and flourish.

One of my personal joys lies in the realm of physical education, where I relish all aspects, particularly dance. I firmly believe that physical activity not only contributes to a healthy lifestyle but also plays a vital role in a child's holistic development. Whether it's encouraging teamwork during a lively game of football or fostering self-expression through creative dance routines, I am dedicated to helping students discover the joy of movement. Within my classroom, I am committed to cultivating a positive atmosphere where students feel comfortable expressing themselves, both physically and academically. My goal is to provide a nurturing space where children can thrive academically, artistically, and athletically, ultimately helping them become well-rounded individuals prepared to face the challenges of the world beyond the classroom. Together, we will embark on a journey of growth, discovery, and achievement, and I am excited to see the bright futures that lie ahead for each and every one of my students



2 - The Year 5 Team and Learning Environment

Our Senior Leaders: Mrs C. Evans (Headteacher) Mr P. Duffy (Deputy Headteacher) Mrs K. Arrowsmith (Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO)

Ms Osborne (Year 5/6 Team Leader)

The Year 5 Team:

Miss M. O'Keeffe (*Class 5O'K Class Teacher*)

Mrs C. Ingham (*Class 5O'K's Teaching Assistant*)

Miss A. McElhinney (*Class 5M Class Teacher*)

Mrs L. Turley (*Class 5M's Teaching Assistant*)

Mr C. Hitchon (*HLTA Cover in both Year 5 classes*)

Ms Webb (*HLTA Cover in both Year 5 classes*)

If at any time during the school year you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school to arrange a convenient time to meet with your child's class teacher. We want to work together to create a strong home and school partnership to ensure that we meet all the needs of your child.





3 - The Year 5 Curriculum

The Year 5 curriculum in primary school plays a vital role in nurturing children's growth as resilient and inquisitive learners. This year is a crucial stage in their educational journey, where they are encouraged to build upon their foundational knowledge and develop a deeper understanding of the subjects they encounter. The curriculum is thoughtfully designed to foster critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and a sense of curiosity, laying the groundwork for their future academic success. By nurturing these skills, Year 5 students are empowered to approach challenges with confidence, seek solutions proactively, and remain eager in their pursuit of knowledge, traits that are indispensable as they move through their education.

In Mathematics, Year 5 places emphasis on consolidating arithmetic skills and further enhancing children's grasp of times tables. These fundamental mathematical concepts serve as the bedrock for more advanced mathematical concepts they will encounter in subsequent years. By refining their proficiency in these areas, children not only strengthen their mathematical abilities but also gain a sense of accomplishment in their learning journey. Equally significant is the emphasis on reading, as Year 5 students are encouraged to explore a diverse range of genres. This exposure not only enriches their language and comprehension skills but also encourages them to delve into literature with a discerning eye. Understanding the author's intent and making connections between different texts nurtures critical analysis and enables them to engage more deeply with written content. Additionally, oracy skills are given prominence, helping students effectively articulate their thoughts and ideas, a crucial skill that empowers them to communicate confidently and persuasively in various contexts.

We are excited to share that, in Year 5, your children will have the opportunity to participate in a residential trip to Hothersall Lodge. This unique experience places outdoor learning at the forefront, providing them with an environment that nurtures teamwork, resilience, and a deeper connection with the natural world. This adventure promises to be an enriching and unforgettable journey, aligning perfectly with our commitment to providing well-rounded and dynamic educational experiences for your children.



4 - Year 5 Curriculum RE and St John Vianney Catholic Life

Our curriculum continues to place significant importance on Religious Education (RE), ensuring its central role in shaping children's learning experiences. In Year 5, children will focus on enhancing their abilities to describe, provide reasoning, and establish connections with greater precision, particularly when exploring and drawing insights from the teachings of the Bible and our faith. At St John Vianney, we believe in the transformative power of a Catholic education. Our mission is to nurture the complete potential of every young individual, guiding them to lead lives that are forever influenced by the Spirit and the presence of Christ by '*Seeking Growth Together through Jesus*'.

Rooted in Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church, our educational approach centres on the holistic development of each child. As a result, we prioritise the development of each child, valuing their personal journey of faith, compassion, and service to others as much as the academic excellence we provide. Through this comprehensive approach, we aim to nurture children who not only excel academically but also carry the light of Christ into their lifelong endeavours, making a positive impact in the world around them. Bringing our children together as year groups to attend Mass creates a powerful sense of unity and community within our school. These shared spiritual experiences allow our children to witness the beauty of worship and faith in a collective setting. Additionally, celebrating feast days as a school further deepens our connection to our Catholic heritage, providing meaningful opportunities for reflection, gratitude, and devotion to the teachings of the Church. On special feast days and occasions, we extend an open invitation to all our families, warmly welcoming you to join us in these celebrations. Throughout the term, Children's Liturgy takes place during the 11.15am Mass at St John Vianney, led by our school teachers. This allows children and their families to participate in Mass while the children engage with the Gospel on a level suitable for them in the Chapel. Fr Loughran welcomes families to Mass and then invites the children to join the liturgy and they are supervised and then return to Mass before the celebration for the Eucharist. Your presence with us would be greatly appreciated and welcomed.





5 - Additional Information

- **PE Days**

Children in Year 5 are required to wear their full SJV PE kits each Tuesday and Friday for Autumn half term 1. This may change after the first half term, as we are fortunate enough to have a sports coach in school. This will be communicated to you in advance through the ParentApp.

- **X (formally known as Twitter)**

We use X as an online platform to share the children's learning experiences with parents and families, this allows us to share insights into learning inside the classroom on a daily basis! It's simple to join X and follow **#SJVYear5** and our school account **@sjvblackpool** We welcome positive comments and feedback on this platform. Furthermore, our school website's curriculum pages also display these tweets, providing an additional avenue for engagement. Our school website: [St John Vianney Catholic Primary School | English Hubs \(stjohnvianneys.co.uk\)](http://StJohnVianneyCatholicPrimarySchool|EnglishHubs.stjohnvianneys.co.uk)

- **Newsletters**

Expect to receive regular newsletters containing updates on school-wide news, awards, and important dates such as class assemblies and whole school, year group or class events. Additionally, our school app will remain a reliable channel for efficiently communicating essential information to you.



