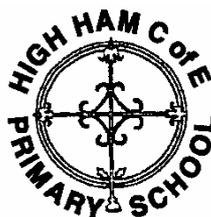


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Re: Year 5 2020/21 Academic Year Teaching Structure Update

Dear Parents/Carers

I thought I would take the opportunity to write to you about the staffing structure for the rest of the academic year. As you were aware, we had a maternity leave vacancy in Oak class and therefore needed to put a temporary staffing structure in place. Mr Rye kindly stepped in for us whilst we were waiting for Mr Briggs to start.

Our new teacher Mr Briggs will be joining us, as a permanent member of staff, in January and is part of the new Senior Leadership Team. Part of his role will be teaching PE throughout the school as well as teaching alongside Miss Peach for the second half of the week. He will be a full-time member of staff and is an experienced teacher. High Ham will be his third school and he is very much looking forward to joining us in January (so much so, he is actually starting on the last day of term!). At the moment he teaches at South Petherton Junior School and teaches one of their year 5/6 classes.

For the rest of this term, the plan is:

This week: Monday and Tuesday - Miss Peach. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - Mr Rye. Friday will be Mr Rye's last day at High Ham and I am sure you will join me in thanking him for stepping in to help cover the class alongside Miss Peach.

Next week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - Miss Peach. Friday - Mr Briggs (he will be with the class for the whole day so that he can get to know the children before January).

After Christmas: The teaching plan for Oak class is Miss Peach all day Monday, all day Tuesday and half a day on Wednesday and Mr Briggs half a day on a Wednesday, all day Thursday and all day Friday. In addition, Mrs Smoldon will be with Oak class every morning as a Teaching Assistant and she will also take on the role of the MDSA to ensure there is continuity for the class.

In the meantime, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to catch me at the school gate on a morning or write a note in the reading diary and the class teacher will respond.



During this term I have been really impressed with how well the children have settled into their new routines and have adapted to the Covid structure. It is lovely to see all the class tweets of the good things they are doing. If you could encourage your child to keep completing their homework and reading at least four times a week that would really help their progress. I know Mrs Edwards has recently been impressed with some of their reading, so please encourage them to keep this up. I look forward to seeing what they can achieve at the end of the year and watching their independence grow. I was extremely impressed with how many children took part in our reading challenge too, it was lovely to see you all being such great role models for the younger children in our school.

In the meantime, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staffing team who have supported your children this term and wish Mr Rye well in his next post.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

