



Academic Year 20/21

Transition to Year 5

June 2020

Welcome to Year 5 varjak Paw! Y5 is such an exciting year in your journey through education as you continue to grow in maturity, take on responsibilities, and prepare to move up to Y6 and on to secondary school. It is our job to help you fulfil your potential and think about your dreams and ambitions. Let's introduce you to the staff ...

Meet the Teaching Team



Mr. Sean Gamage
Class Teacher



Miss. Jenny Green
Teaching and Learning Assistant

Mr. Gamage has cycled to work at Walkley almost every day since September 2012 and although he will be a new class teacher to you, he has taught quite a few of your older siblings! Mr. Gamage is very excited at the prospect of a 'Tangfastic' journey with you through Year 5.

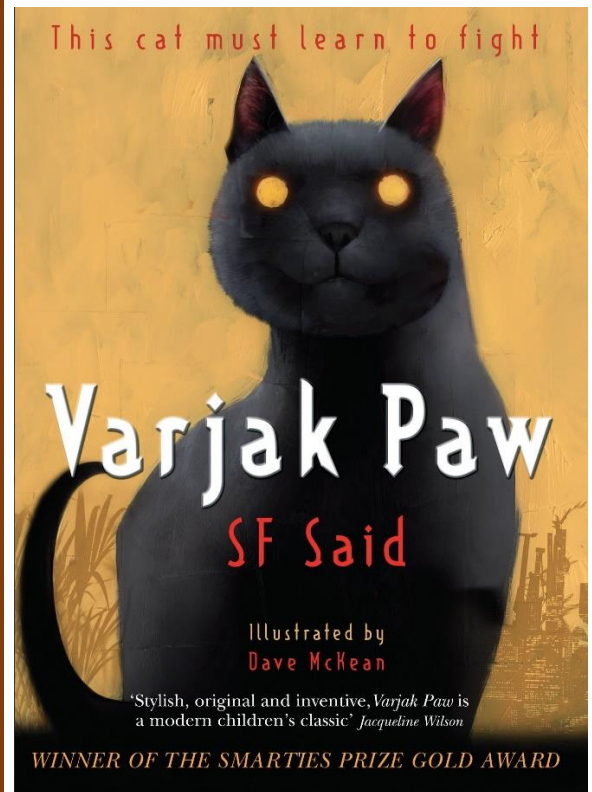
Miss Green is a new member of staff at Walkley and very excited to meet you all. She is originally from Ireland and has lived in Sheffield for a long time. Miss Green loves helping children to learn and enjoys learning new things from them. She likes making things, art, and has also played a lot of Minecraft!

Our Class Name – Varjak Paw

Our name 'Varjak Paw' comes from the brilliant book of the same name, written by SF Said.

Varjak Paw is a pampered pet cat who knows there's more to life. His family tease him and don't understand his adventurous spirit. He is soon forced to venture beyond the garden wall to save his family from the mysterious and dangerous 'gentleman' and his two evil hench-cats. He is a plucky little cat, keen to learn about life. He teams up with Holly, a spiky city cat, who knows the dangers of the mean streets and Tam, a quality sidekick who is always hungry. Cludge is the last member of Varjak's team and is a hero - a big brown dog who strikes fear into those who don't stop to get to know him. In the city the snow-white gang boss, Sally Bones, is truly terrifying; her claws are sharp and her one blue eye sees all...

We can't wait to share the book with you!



Our Classroom

Our classroom from September will be at the end of the corridor, adjacent to Mrs Sian and Mr Wallis's office, used by the Kensukes last year. There will be one Year 5 class this year. Here is a photo of the learning space in case you have forgotten what it looks like! It will be tidier than this, by the way!



A glimpse into the future...



What will we study this year?

Our Topics

**The 'Terrible'
Tudors**

**Sheffield. It's Alreyt,
Tha' Knows!**

Vive La France!

La Monde Francais

A day in the life of year 5

The timetable will remain very similar to how it has been in previous years. Although there will be points in the year where English and Maths will take up more of the teaching time, particularly with gaps in learning due to the closure of schools since March, it is still vital that the children receive a balanced diet in terms of the curriculum. Therefore, computing, the creative curriculum, science, PSHE and PE will remain prominent within each term.

A typical day could look something like this:

- 8:50 – Morning Work
- 9:10 – Literacy
- 10:15 – Assembly
- 10:35 – Break time
- 10:50 – Maths
- 12:00 – Lunch time
- 1:00 – Guided reading
- 1:40 – PE
- 2:30 – computing
- 3:15 – Home time

What is the same and what is different?

There are lots of things that will stay the same for you. Class wide rewards and house points remain as will the flip side of warnings and sanctions, Mr. Clements and Mrs Jkinson will support you in the same way and our approaches to teaching such as using Big Maths, TT Rockstars and the ten step approach to writing remain. However, being amongst the oldest children in the school also comes with the potential for taking on responsibility. The key roles for Year 5 are in supporting our EYFS and Key Stage 1 children at lunchtimes and volunteering on the Apple Orchard Market Stall.



SUPPORTING OUR EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN



Year 5 children can play a crucial role at lunchtimes, supporting our younger school friends in learning new playground games or by encouraging them to get involved in activities. You will have the opportunity to join a rota to volunteer once a week on a regular basis – past experience has shown us that both adults and children really value the contribution Year 5 children can make. You will be given training and support to help you make the most of this opportunity.

Ways you can prepare for life in year 5

- Try to read every day over the summer holidays. It's great to get lost in a good book. Try and challenge yourself to read a different genre than you are used to. I wonder if you can discover a new favourite author? There are some great online reads on the new Upper Key Stage Two Virtual Library that you can access through the school blog. Maybe keep up to date with the news through daily reading – the Newsround website is a great way of keeping up to date with current affairs.
- Practice your time tables. They form the basis of so many other areas of maths, if you have rapid recall of these facts, other areas of maths become easier. Use your TT Rock Stars personal login to regularly practice these. I wonder who will have the best avatar when we return?
- Try to write a few times a week. A daily diary is a great way of writing each day and will also leave you with a lovely record of your summer. Or why not try writing a letter to someone in your family or a friend that you've not seen for a while? I'm sure it would brighten up their day to hear from you.
- Spend plenty of time outdoors - playing, exercising, maybe even exploring somewhere new – we live so close to beautiful countryside and there's so many places to see. Fresh air and exercise are so good for our physical and mental health.
- Complete the form attached for discussion on your return to school – we want to know about you and how we can help you.

Most of all, relax and re-energise so you return to school ready for what we know will be a fantastic year for you in your next stage at Walkley Primary School – make the most of it, it's going to be great! We can't wait to see you and share in the Year 5 adventure with you!

**Take care,
The Year 5 Team**

My Transition to Year 5

The things I enjoy at school are _____

The things I am interested in are _____

The things I would like to improve are _____

The adults in school can help me by _____

My aspirations for the future are _____

Some things I would like you to know about me are _____
