



Welcome to Jackdaw Class.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you joining Jackdaw Class in September and hope that they enjoy your time with me. My name is Miss Smart and I will be your new teacher and Mrs Elsdon is our class TA.

I hope to find out a bit more about each of you this week - I will be setting you some different activities each day this week. Make sure you check your class blog on Purple Mash - I will be taking over your Magpie class blog for the week.



First, here is some information about being in Jackdaw class that might answer some of your worries or questions. It will be a bit different in September but everyone will be in the same boat so we will get through it together!

Themes

Our themes for next year are: Forces of Nature, Victorians, WW2, Space, Asia and Sport and Nutrition. Don't worry if you have done one of these topics before you will be learning new things.

Rewards

In Jackdaw class children you earn Dojo points for your learning, behaviour and attitude in school and every week the person with the most Dojos wins a prize. You can earn these for your participation in class, home learning and overall behaviour in and around the school. Also in Jackdaw class you can become 'Jack of all trades' - every Friday the person who has impressed me the most with their attitude and learning gets to swap chairs with me for the day. We also have golden time on Friday but only if you have completed all your learning during the week and made your best your standard in all ways!

Home Learning

In Year 5, home learning will be given on the first Wednesday of the term; and each challenge is to be completed and handed in on Wednesday each week. Homework should not take more than 20-30 minutes to complete each week and you will get a mixture of Maths,

English and creative tasks. If you are unable to complete the homework by Friday you will be asked to stay in at lunch time or miss Golden time to finish it.

Reading

There is an opportunity for you to read every day after lunch. You are encouraged to read a variety of genres, and a record will be kept of your book choices in school, to enable us to monitor the different genres you are reading. You won't have a Reading Records in Year 5 to encourage you to take responsibility for your own reading. Over the summer you could try and read some of the 11 books to read before you're 11 - I love disappearing into a good book. My favourite book is Black Beauty by Anna Sewell - it's such a beautiful story and includes my favourite animal.

Spelling

There is no weekly spelling test in Jackdaw Class but the you will do spellings daily and learn specific rules each week. The approach aims to immerse you in the vocabulary and origin of words, in order to help you recall the rules.

Stationery

All the necessary stationery will be supplied to you in September, in your own pencil case. We ask that you don't bring in your own stationery or pencil case unless approved by me.

Miss Smart and Mrs Elsdon

