

Meet the Teacher!

Mrs Cutts—Year 5—September 2023!



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My name is Mrs Cutts and I am going to be your teacher in Year 5. It's going to be an amazing year filled with fun and adventures. I have not taught Year 5 at Chad Vale before, so I am looking forward to a new challenge and us all learning together!



About me

I have been teaching at Chad Vale for 12 years now. I love working here and being part of the Chad Vale family. I am married and have two grown up children; Oscar who is 27 and Daisy who is 24. They have both graduated and are now working. I have a lovely dog called Winnie and 2 chickens which were hatched at Chad Vale at Easter five years ago. I love all things arty and creative. For this reason I lead Art and Design Technology at Chad Vale and enjoy teaching these subjects very much. I also teach Spanish at Chad Vale. I am looking forward to welcoming you back to school and getting to know you and your families.

My life in a nutshell.....

I was born in Zambia went to school in America and England. I got a business degree (in Spanish) which I studied in London and Spain. Before training to be a teacher, I worked as an interpreter for the Olympic Committee and later did an Art and Photography foundation degree and worked for several TV and arts organisations.



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Likes...

- Reading
- Travel
- Cooking
- Art
- Friends
- Gardens
- Chad Vale!

Welcome to Year 5!

We have so much to look forward to in Year 5! Throughout the year we will be learning about lots of fun and exciting things including:

Year 5 Curriculum

Reading: Reading in Year 5 is linked more towards a whole class approach rather than a small group reciprocal reading structure. This enables able readers to provide good role models to those children who find reading more difficult. Texts are selected to challenge those who are working at greater depth, although differentiated questioning is used so that children of all abilities are challenged yet will have a sense of achievement.

Writing: We use the Write Stuff to teach writing. Each unit of work lasts approximately three weeks. Initially, children learn sentence structure of a specific genre, which is then used as a scaffold for their own piece of writing. We will be looking at a variety of texts including fiction and non fiction, instructions and reports. We will look at sample texts and then use this knowledge to construct our own writing. English writing and work is closely linked to our topics when and where possible.

Maths: Children will consolidate the learning they have done up to Year 4 and build on these skills. This will include practice in completing calculations using the four operations.

Science: For the first half term, we will be linking our science lessons to our history topic on the Vikings. Children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of scientific investigations which will have a 'Viking' theme. Children will make predictions, ask questions and draw conclusions based on their observations.

Geography: We will be learning about tropics, latitudes, and time zones. We will also undertake a study of a region of the Americas.

History: During the Autumn term, we will learn about how Vikings and Anglo-Saxons struggled for the kingdom of England and how England became a unified country. We will explore where the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came from, how they fought for territory and power, and how their fighting ultimately led to the kingdom of England we know today.

Art: Children will build on drawing skills and learn about different artists from different periods.

Spanish: Children will learn Spanish for one hour per week.

PE—details of PE days will be given in September.

DT—Children will learn about electrical circuits, shelters and cooking in different cultures.

Should you have any worries or concerns about Year 5, please do not hesitate to email me: s.cutts@chadvale.bham.sch.uk