



Your child's new teacher is:

**Mrs Schwartzel**

They will be in class

**5 Hazel**

next year

Who am I? Where did I come from? What am I doing here?

I am an experienced teacher and have taught for over 10 years in the UK and for 3 years in Johannesburg, South Africa my home town. I believe that teaching is a "work of heart" and I consider myself lucky to teach a class full of children every day.

I live with my husband and my cat Amber, I am also a very proud Godmother to a vivacious 4-year-old called Harlowe. I live in Buckinghamshire and my hobbies include, writing, practicing yoga and reading as many books as I can.

This will be my second year at Thomas Hickman, I have taught previously at Great Missenden in Buckinghamshire, The Clara Grant Primary School in London, Warren Primary in Thurrock and Gascoigne Primary School in Barking and Dagenham.

I believe that good communication with parents is the key to children's success. If you feel that there is anything I should know which might affect your child's learning then please do let me know so that we can work together to find a solution.

Or you can email the school and we will contact you as soon as we possibly can.

**Why your children are important to me:**

Because their boundless imagination allows them to see endless possibilities. Sometimes, it takes just one thing to ignite a spark within them and open up a whole new path for excellence. Whether it's a recommended book, a paintbrush, a soccer ball, or a science lesson, finding that one thing they love can unlock a world of opportunities. By nurturing their creativity and fostering their interests, we empower them to become confident individuals who can carve their own paths and excel in areas that truly inspire them.

**Why Year 5 is amazing:**

We are going to embark on an exciting journey through ancient China to explore the fascinating Shang, Xia, Zhou, and Han Dynasties, each era contributed to the building blocks of Chinese civilization.

In Science we will be exploring the exciting world of forces, in Design and Technology, and we will devise, plan, create and evaluate our very own pneumatic devices. In Art we will begin by sketching and then planning an original painted landscape having learned how to create unique tints, shades and tones. In Geography we will use our fieldwork skills to study maps, explore climate zones, biomes and world cities.

Not to mention our Trip to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford and exciting in-school educational experience covering the Shang Dynasty...and all that is just a *few* of the things we will get up to in the Autumn term!

Keep checking the school website too for Bulletin updates and year group information on: [www.thomashickmanschool.com](http://www.thomashickmanschool.com)

**I look forward to seeing you in September**