



Your child's new teacher is:

**Mr Jackson**

They will be in class

**5 Chestnut**

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

This is my second year teaching at THS and my first year teaching Year 5. I've worked in schools for the past 11 years and absolutely love being a teacher. I especially enjoy seeing children overcome challenges and achieve their potential.

Outside of school, I have a pet rabbit called Monica who keeps me on my toes. At the weekends, I referee football at semi-professional level, which is something I really enjoy. I've lived locally my whole life and went to SCMH schools as a child, so I feel very connected to the area and the school community.

When I first visited THS, I knew straight away it was a special and fascinating place to be. I'm really looking forward to the year ahead and continuing to get to know everyone.

I will have an 'open door' and will always see you as soon as possible, being mindful of my teaching commitments.

Call the office to make an appointment if there is something urgent, or catch me on the gate!

### Why your children are important to me:

Your children are important to me because they are precious to you. I want to ensure they have the best learning experience possible. Every day is an exciting opportunity to discover new things about ourselves and the amazing world around us.

At THS, we are all BIRDS and my goal is to help your children spread their wings and soar to achieve the highest heights. I am dedicated to preparing them for the future, ensuring they are confident and ready to take on new challenges.

Your children's growth and happiness are my top priorities, and I am here to support them every step of the way.

### Why Year 5 is amazing:

This term, we'll be heading off on an exciting journey through Ancient China. We'll explore the Xia, Shang, Zhou, and Han Dynasties, and find out how each one helped shape Chinese civilisation.

In Science, we'll be learning about forces. In Design and Technology, we'll plan, make and evaluate our own pneumatic devices. In Art, we'll start by sketching, then move on to designing and painting our own landscapes, using different tints, shades and tones.

In Geography, we'll build on our fieldwork skills by studying maps, looking at climate zones and biomes, and learning about world cities.

We've also got our trip to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford to look forward to, along with an in-school workshop all about the Shang Dynasty.

And that's just some of what we've got planned for 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 - Stay Safe*