

Getting to know the staff a little bit more...

Name: Miss Mills



Role: Executive Head Teacher

Hopes: For Silkmore Primary Academy to inspire children now and for generations to come

Fear: Spiders and lifts!

Favourite Movie: Easy...The Lion King

Favourite colour: Yellow

Favourite musician: Coldplay

Favourite place I have visited: The Rockies in Canada

If I could travel anywhere, I would go to...
the Maldives

When I was younger, I wanted to be...a Popstar!

What I enjoy most...spending time with my incredible family and two dogs

If I could change anything in the world, I would change...cruelty to animals

Favourite Book: Poetry by Wordsworth, Coleridge or Keats

Happiest memory: Holidays with loved ones

Proudest moment: Any success at Silkmore (I can't chose out of them!)

Name: Miss Powell



Role: Year 5 Teacher

Hopes: For all Y5 children to love learning and fulfil potential

Fear: Sharks

Favourite Movie: PS I Love you

Favourite colour: Red

Favourite musician: Pink

Favourite place I have visited: India

If I could travel anywhere, I would go to...Australia

When I was younger, I wanted to be...a teacher

What I enjoy most...relaxing and time with loved ones

If I could change anything in the world, I would change...poverty

Favourite Book: Wonder

Happiest memory: Volunteering abroad

Proudest moment: Getting my job at this fabulous school!

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A message from the Head Teacher....

Hello families,

Well, where to start...First of all, we have had a fantastic start to half term. Children are presenting impeccable learning behaviours and all report to feel safe and happy at school. Mini adventures across the whole school have demonstrated lots of stunning work; ranging from writing about the Jungle to solving complex mathematical problems in order to find a Catnapper! Nursery children are settling in brilliant to their new setting and are thoroughly enjoying exploring the bright and engaging environment.

We have covered work surrounding Internet Safety with the children and how to keep themselves safe and just a reminder to parents that parental controls can be used to block upsetting or harmful content, control in-app purchases or manage how long your child spends online. And the good news is parental controls are really easy to set up. Innocent searches sometimes reveal not so innocent results. So if you're worried about what your child is searching for online, who they're talking to or what they're seeing, then please do let us know or contact NSPCC for further advice on [0808 800 5002](tel:08088005002) to chat to one of our expert NSPCC and O2 advisors surrounding Internet Safety.

The children have been working really hard to ensure that they are active and valued British Citizens and that they abide by the British Values of Rule of Law, Democracy, Mutual Respect and Tolerance and Individual Liberty. As a school, we promote these values at all times (you will remember the fabulous whole school mini adventure on Harry Potter, where children were tasked with learning about a 'very British Hogwarts'.)

An important element of utilising the British Values is showing respect to all members of our local community and wider community; regardless of faith, race, gender or disability and I am thrilled to report that our children continue to display these values impeccably.

Finally, the children have been very resilient in their response to the amount of building work that has been going on over the last half term. We are really excited to be in the final stages of this building work and cannot wait to enjoy the new changes. A huge well done to our Year 6's who have been very patient in waiting for their brand new classroom.

I am exceptionally excited to build on the exceptional practice between parents, staff and children during next half term and cannot wait to work together as a wider school family after October half term.

We will be sending a school magazine every half term. The purpose of this is to further improve communication and to share all of the wonderful learning that is happening. The magazine will also allow you to get to know our staff and Governors a little bit more as well and provide you with relevant updates.

Happy half term to you all and I hope you enjoy volume 1 of Silkmore Spectacular

Warmest wishes, Miss Mills



Welcome to Year 2

During this half term, Year Two have completed their mini adventure based on the story 'The Rainbow Fish'. We have learnt how to include prepositional phrases into our writing and have explored the importance of using interesting adjectives to engage the reader. All children wrote their own version of this story from the perspective of the Rainbow Fish, we're very proud of our mini books and are looking forwards to sharing these with our family during parent consultations. We also completed some beautiful pieces of art work based on the Rainbow Fish. We used a colour wash to create our backgrounds and used thin paint brushes to create the foreground.



Our new mini adventure is all based around the seven continents of the world. We have had a visit from Bat Bear who is travelling around the seven continents. He is sending us letters and presents from all around the world and when he visited Asia he brought us some chinees food to try, it was yummy!. We particularly enjoyed the noodles.

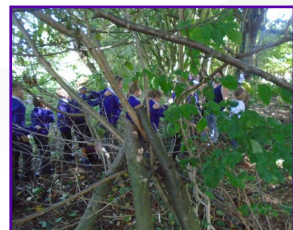
After half term we will be historians as we will be researching Neil Armstrong and the first moon landing. We will hopefully be visiting Jodrell Bank to support our learning with this and will send out further information and details regarding this.

Welcome to Year 4

We have already had lots of fun learning experiences since coming back to school at the start of September.

We enjoyed the launch to our first mini-adventure, Augustus and his Smile, which is a beautiful book about a tiger who has lost his smile. We became jungle explorers hunting for jungle animals outside to reinforce our understanding of preposition phrases e.g. up in the trees, deep underground.

We also refreshed our knowledge of word classes by sorting, matching and applying nouns, noun phrases, verbs, adjectives and adverbs to our writing. We are going to use all of these skills to create a vivid jungle setting description.



Our latest mini adventure involved us becoming Geographers. Wally had got lost somewhere in Britain and we had to use our knowledge of the countries and the capital cities of the UK to help find him. Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see photos of our learning taking place each week.

After the half term holidays, we look forward to becoming Scientists, Historians and Artists. We will be learning about the Romans and how they impacted on life in Britain today.

Message from our Chair of Governors.....



I am pleased to report that the new Governors are getting up to full speed with each of our responsibilities with courses attended in Safeguarding, Finance, On Line Safety and Self Evaluation.

We have been greatly helped in this with special courses and support from Reach2, the Multi Academy Trust we are part of. I am personally attending an NGA Governor Leadership Development Programme.

We are delighted with the excellent progress being made by the children in the core subjects, shown by the recent results for Key Stages 1 and 2. We continue to challenge to build on this and attend regular pupil progress meetings monitoring the attainment standards of every class.

We have also had input into the School Development Plan which sets targets for all aspects of the teaching environment.

And we are certainly looking forward to the completion of the work on the premises, which should make a big difference day-to-day.

Message from our Chair of PTFA.....



Welcome to Silkmore Primary Academy PTFA.

The PTFA was created last year, it is a friendly group of teachers, parents and community members.

PTFA meet up once a month to discuss fund raising ideas and organise fun events for the pupils and families of Silkmore. We've raised over £1000 and have arranged fetes, bingo, trips, discos and supplied SAT's breakfast to Year 6 pupils.

We are always looking for help and any time volunteered would be appreciated.

Feel free to join our group, either by joining in at meetings or by volunteering your time for activities and events. The next PTFA Meeting will be held on the Thursday 2nd November at 9am, please free to come along.

Exciting Dates coming up...

School finishes on Friday 20th October (half term 23rd-27th October).

School starts on Monday 30th October

Tuesday 31st October 3.20pm — 4pm - Year 3-6 Spooktacular Disco (Nursery—Year 2 in school time)

Wednesday 1st November 5.30pm —Banger Night with stalls, entertainment and professional firework display

Monday 6th to Friday 10th November - Year 5 Shughorough Residential Trip

Tuesday 7th November - Reception & Year 1 Phonics Parent Workshop

Tuesday 14th November—School Photography (individual pupil/family photos)

Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st November — Reception - Year 6 Parents' Evening

Monday 20th November 3.30pm—5pm— Nursery Opening Evening

Friday 24th November — Reception to Year 6 Chester Zoo Trip

Thursday 7th December - Reception to Year 4 Flu immunisation (if parental consent has been given)

Thursday 14th December 3.20pm - PTFA Christmas Fete

School finishes on Tuesday 19th December. Christmas Holidays 20th December — 2nd January. School starts again on Wednesday 3rd January More information to follow on events above.