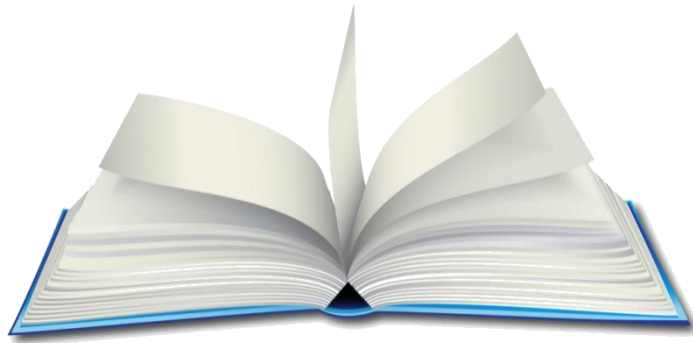


Year 6

English Department



Transition Booklet



DEAN TRUST *Wigan*

Getting to know your English teachers

Mrs Wilson



I am an Assistant Head Teacher and have been working with your Primary schools on your transition here to Dean Trust Wigan, I've loved reading your 'Getting to Know Me' forms and look forward to meeting you. I am the school's SENDco and will work with your teachers to ensure that your lessons are planned to meet your individual learning needs. I love teaching English because you can make so much sense of the world through literature. No day is the same in teaching, it's a great job!

My favourite book is: 'Beloved' by Toni Morrison.

Mrs Oakes



I'm the Head of English here at Dean Trust Wigan. My very favourite thing about teaching English is building the confidence of my students and helping them realise their potential. I love spending every day sharing my passion with students.

My favourite book (although it was tough to pick just one) is *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. It explores a society in the near future, but everything has changed. The story follows the struggles and bravery of one woman as she fights for survival, driven by the desire to be reunited with her daughter. I found it deeply moving and it made me reflect on lots of the freedoms we often take for granted.

Mrs Fox



I'm the Assistant Head of English at DTW and I enjoy teaching English because it's special-it sparks imagination and gives students a voice. Reading can transport you to another time and place- you can explore and escape into other worlds or learn about things you may never get the chance to experience. I love showing students that words are powerful things: they're the things that influence people and that instigate change in the world.

I have many favourite books, but the one that had the biggest influence on me as a child was *The Northern Lights* by Philip Pullman. I loved that the main character was a strong female who had flaws, she wasn't perfect but she was intelligent and heroic.

Miss Wilks



I love teaching because I enjoy sharing my passion and knowledge of English with students and seeing students engaging and working hard on lessons I have planned.

My favourite book is *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte, this book was recommended to me by my English teacher and it is a book that got me back into reading- we see such strength and determination through one character who hadn't had the easiest start in life become a confident and strong woman. It is amazing, come and speak to me and I will tell you more about it. I can't wait to meet you!

Miss Davis



I like teaching because it creates opportunities for students to become whatever they want to be in the future. I became a teacher to ensure all students learn new skills, enjoy English and can reach their personal goals for the next step in their life.

I have always loved to lose myself in a book for hours and be transported all over the world through stories. In particular, my favourite book is *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman because it challenges the norms of everyday society. As the story progresses, the relationship between Sephy and Callum becomes more forbidden and dangerous and I was left wanting to change the laws of the world and people's views on race and class to allow them to be happy

Mrs Dawber-Taylor



I love teaching because every day brings something new and it is so interesting to hear how differently each student looks at something that I might have seen a hundred times, but never thought of it the way they have.

My favourite book is *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. I first read it when I was 11 and I still read it often now (re-reading your favourite book is like a warm hug!). It's a wonderful mystery story set in a Yorkshire manor house and will make you want to go out and find your own 'bit of earth' to plant flowers!

Miss Mather



I love being a teacher here at DTW. Not only do I love sharing my knowledge with the pupils, the students also teach me something new everyday! Not only that, there's nothing more rewarding than seeing the smiles on a pupil's face when they master something new. Or the sea of listening faces when we get the chance to read something new.

My favourite book of all time has to be, *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins. It is full of twist and turns and really makes you think. I was hooked from page one!

Miss Yousaf

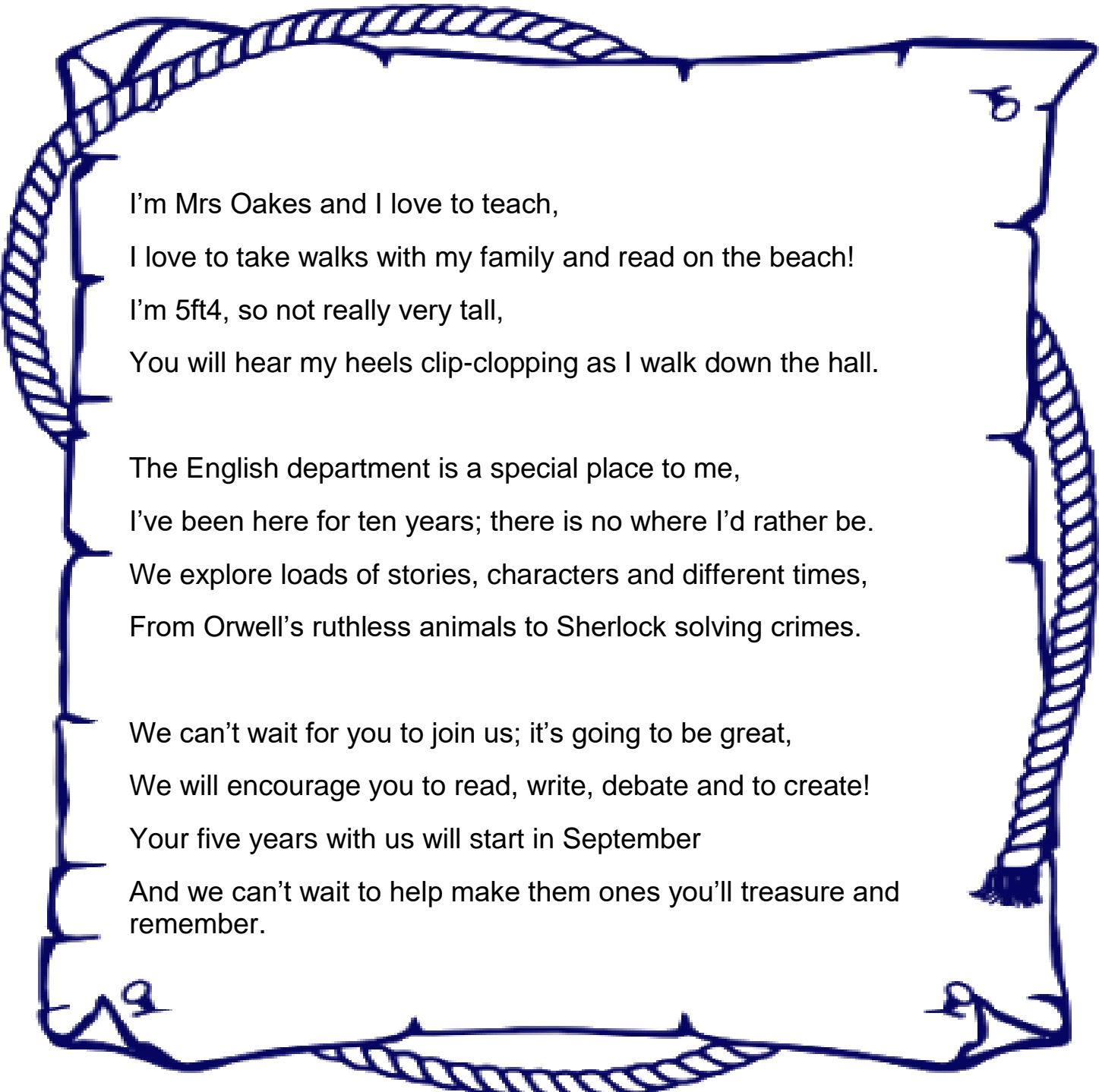


My favourite book has always been *Matilda* by Rhoald Dahl as it was the first book I read and completed by myself. I was inspired by Miss Honey and I wanted to meet her in person and become just like her. There is no Miss Truchbull in my classroom! I am now living my passion which makes me very proud.

Poetry Challenge

We want to get to know you too! We would love you to write a poem all about you. You could include anything you want to express yourself.

I've written one for you all about me as an example and so you can get to know me better too.



I'm Mrs Oakes and I love to teach,
I love to take walks with my family and read on the beach!
I'm 5ft4, so not really very tall,
You will hear my heels clip-clopping as I walk down the hall.

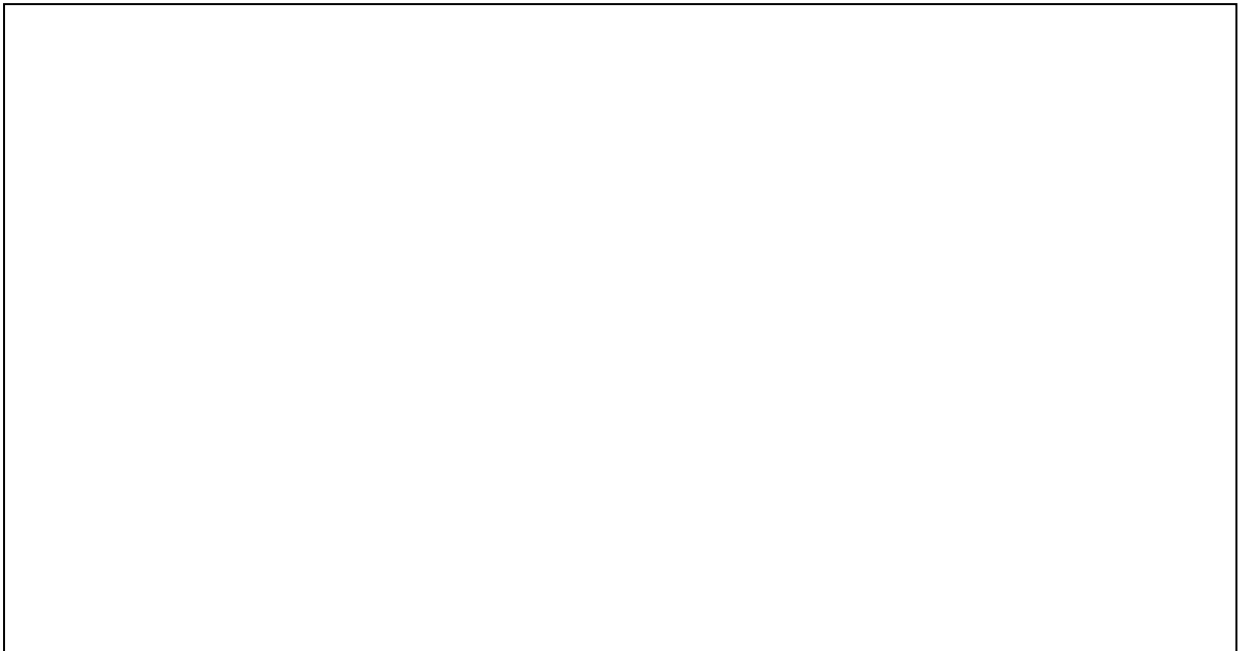
The English department is a special place to me,
I've been here for ten years; there is no where I'd rather be.
We explore loads of stories, characters and different times,
From Orwell's ruthless animals to Sherlock solving crimes.

We can't wait for you to join us; it's going to be great,
We will encourage you to read, write, debate and to create!
Your five years with us will start in September
And we can't wait to help make them ones you'll treasure and remember.

Special To Me

We want to get to know you a little bit more and find out what matters to you. Our school motto is: 'Believe-Achieve-Succeed' and what we believe is that each of our students can achieve whatever they set their minds to. As a student here, you are going to become special to us as we teach and support you on your journey. We would like to take this opportunity to find out about something that is special to you.

In the box below can you draw a picture of something or someone that matters to you and write a few sentences to explain your choice to us.



Word Search

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Get Reading

We think that summer is the perfect time to read and a time to choose a new book or two. Below is a list of books that we think you might enjoy reading. How many can you read before September?

About Animals

Dumb Creatures - Jeanne Willis

The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo

The Crowstarver – Dick King-Smith

Lionboy - Zizou Corder

Tiger Wars – Steve Backshall

Spooky/Mystery

The Haunting - Maragret Mahy

Mokee Joe Series - Peter J Murray

The Vampire's Assistant - Darren Shan

The Thousand Eyes of Night - Robert Swindells

Fantasy

Midnight is a Place - Joan Aiken

Skellig - David Almond

Artemis Fowl series - Eion Colfer

Ingo - Helen Dunmore

Well Loved Authors

Witches - Roald Dahl

Malory Towers Series – Enid Blyton

Northern Lights – Philip Pullman

My Sister Jodie - Jacqueline Wilson

