

# Welcome To Class 4



With Miss Walker & Mrs Watt

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## Hello and Welcome to Class 4!

Both myself & Mrs Watt are very pleased to welcome you and your child into their new class. Class 4 is a mixed age class, which accommodates both Year 1 and Year 2 children. All learning in Class 4 follows the National Curriculum. In order to support the transition of all our children from Reception and Year 1, the classroom environment and the structure of teaching and learning will be similar to their previous classes. In addition to adult-led teaching, the children will still have access to continuous provision and enhanced learning opportunities both indoors and outdoors throughout the day to support their independent learning and development.



**UNIFORM** Please remember that appropriate uniform should be worn at all times – *no nail varnish, no make-up, no boots or fancy tights please, long hair should be tied back and hair accessories should be kept to a minimum.* Patterns cut into short hair are not permitted. We also have a no jewellery policy, which includes **no earrings**. Children wearing jewellery will not be allowed to participate in PE lessons.



**SICKNESS** If your child is poorly and unable to attend school you need to contact school to let us know, as soon as possible. If your child has been sick or poorly during the night, we request that you keep them at home until they are 48hours clear. This will prevent sickness spreading throughout the class.



**OUTDOORS** We spend quite a lot of time outdoors, every day in all weathers! Your child will need a pair of wellies which they can keep in school. Please write their name on the inside of each boot. Your child should also bring a coat, preferably with a hood, to school every day.



**PE** will be twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. Your child should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days. Could you please make sure that all items of clothing have your child's name clearly marked on them – even shoes. This helps us to re-unite lost items of clothing with their owner!



**PACKED LUNCHES** If your child is bringing their own lunch to school, please be aware of our Healthy Eating policy, and also be aware that we are a **Nut Free School**. Chocolate or sweets are not permitted as part of a healthy lunch.



**WATER BOTTLES** Children are allowed to bring in a water bottle to class to have a drink throughout the day, although we do have cups and drinking water in class.



Please remember that our door will open at 8.40am each morning and will close at 8.50am. If you arrive a little late, after the door is closed, please come in through the main office. Thank you.

# Curriculum News...

Our Topic for learning this half-term is called “**Materials Matter!**”

This will be a Science focus & we will be looking at everyday materials and their properties - identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials, distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made, describing the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials, comparing and grouping together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties. We will also learn about recycling materials.



## Phonics

We will continue to follow the **Twinkl** phonics scheme to teach our daily lessons. Once all the children have been assessed, I will group them accordingly. Weekly spellings linked to the sounds that we are covering will be sent home for children to learn. Weekly parental information sheets will also be sent home with linked activities for the children to complete at home.

## Maths

Children will be provided with opportunities to develop & improve their skills in counting, understanding & using number on a daily basis. This half-term we will focus on **Place Value** - counting forwards & backwards, representing numbers, comparing numbers and partitioning numbers.

## English

Our English theme is Similarities and Differences and our writing will be based on the books “Beegu” and “The Day the Crayons Quit”.



We will use Seesaw in class, which allows us to share some of your child’s learning through continuous provision and practical activities. This will also be the way which I contact you to send out any messages. You can also contact me this way. Your child will bring home 2 QR codes which will allow you to access Seesaw (*you will need both of these*). Follow the instructions on the QR code sheet to get connected. Let me know if you have any difficulties.



If you have any questions, worries or queries, please don’t hesitate to come and speak to myself or Mrs Watt and we will do our best to help you.

## Miss Walker

