



**ST PATRICK'S  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL**  
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Head teacher: Mrs S Edmondson

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to class 4! We are looking forward to the year ahead and have been busy planning exciting learning opportunities for the children. This letter will provide you and your child with information about their new class so you can feel relaxed and prepared.

### **Staff working in class 4**

In class 4, the class teachers are Mrs Jackson (Tuesday – Friday) and Mrs Towe (Monday). Mrs Bigland and Miss Satterthwaite will be supporting. They will also have Mr Dewsbury for guitar on Fridays and Mr Blair for PE on Tuesdays. If you need to speak to myself or another member of staff, please make an appointment at the office, or alternatively, you can catch me at the end of the day on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

### **Start of the School Day**

Children can come straight into class via the class 4 entrance when it is opened at 8.45. Children must be in class by 8.55 ready for registration. Please be punctual as learning starts straight away. There will be activities set up which they can be getting on with as soon as they settle into their seats. Any notes or payments should be handed to the teacher in a labelled envelope or handed directly to the office.

### **End of the school day**

The school day ends at 3.20pm. Class 4 can be collected from their classroom doors. Year 6 children are allowed to walk home by themselves but only if the school has been notified. Please email the office to let us know if you would like your child to walk home alone.

### **Equipment needed**

The children are provided with all the equipment they need for their learning. All they need is a bag to bring their reading books, homework and letters home in. If they wish to bring their own **SMALL** pencil case (must fit into their tray easily) then they can, but it is not essential. Children are not allowed to bring in any other toys or items from home.

### **Uniform and PE kit**

Please label everything with your child's name (especially cardigans, jumpers and PE hoodies). Children should come into school in their PE kit on their PE days. The regular PE days for class 4 this term are Monday and Tuesday. Trainers are not acceptable footwear for school other than for PE. If a child does not have the correct PE kit, they will be asked to change into spare kit we have in school. Jewellery should not be worn for PE. Children should remove earrings before PE lessons.

### **Snacks and water**

Please ensure your child brings a full water bottle into school each day, clearly labelled with their name. Only water should be in bottles, no juice/squash etc. Breaktime snacks should be a healthy snack such as fruit, vegetables or cheese - no sugary snacks.

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## Home Learning

I will be setting homework every **Friday** and it will need to be completed and handed in by the following **Thursday**. The only exception to this will be the spelling (see below for details). Any children who have not completed their homework will stay in on Thursday breaktime to complete it. Much of this will be completed through online programmes, so if your child does not have access to a device at home, please let us know so we can help.

### **Maths**

Maths homework will all be set online via **Times Table Rockstars** or **Mathletics**. Password reminders for both platforms will accompany this letter. I will assess the children early in the new term on their times tables and only the children who have not yet achieved the required level of fluency will be asked to use TTRS for homework. Those who have achieved the required level of fluency will be asked to complete homework tasks on Mathletics. TTRS will also be used regularly in school to keep those fluent children on track.

### **Reading**

Your child will bring home a school reading book to read at home but which should be returned to their school bag so they have it in school each day. Instead of completing traditional reading records, they will have to complete a quick **reading response task each week** on the online platform 'Padlet'. The link to these tasks will be put onto **Google Classroom** for them to access. It is very simple to use and they will be shown how to do it in class, so they should be able to do this independently as long as they have access to a device. They will also be completing book quizzes for any completed books on accelerated reader during morning registration. Regular reading is essential to build the fluency, reading speed and understanding required to achieve end of KS2 expectations. Whatever the ability of your child, shared reading continues to be an enjoyable activity, as does hearing a book read to them that is too difficult for them to read independently.

### **Spelling**

Spelling lessons will be on a Monday with Mrs Towe. Your child may occasionally come home with a little blue book containing some personalised spellings for them to work on at home, so keep an eye out for this in their bags on a Monday. In addition to this, between 8 and 10 of the statutory spellings for year 5 and 6 will be sent home half termly for you to practice at home with your child. They will be tested on these at the end of the half term. These are the common spellings all children should know when they leave primary school. See our class page for ideas on how to support your child with their spellings

### **Other homework**

We will occasionally set creative or research tasks linked to our current topics to be completed at home. These will be shared via Google Classroom on a Friday.

## School Website Class Page

For further information on how you can support your child with their learning at home, please go to the class 4 page of the school website where you will find links to websites with information and activities to do with your child. You will also be able to find out what we have been doing in class on this page.

We would like to thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. We look forward to working together in the year ahead. Don't hesitate to contact me if you need any of the information here clarifying.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jackson

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