

## Welcome to Year 3 and 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been so impressed with how the children have come back to school this autumn, enthusiastic and ready to learn. Year 3 have transitioned into Lower Key Stage 2 routines really smoothly with help from our fantastic Year 4s. What a positive, encouraging start to the new year!

### Routines

One of the main aims in KS2 for our children is to develop greater independence and self-reliance in all aspects of school life including their self-organisation. You can help your child to develop these skills by ensuring that they come to school on time, with **named** uniform and the correct equipment for each day.

### Curriculum

The children are taught in maths and English groups every morning and for other areas of the curriculum, their learning will be class-based. Most subjects are taught in a cross-curricular manner using broad themes. Wherever possible, we aim to enrich this learning with activities outside of school or by encouraging visitors into school. You will receive curriculum newsletters half-termly to give you details of curriculum coverage.

### Homework

As in KS1, we appreciate support from yourselves with activities that the children can do at home. We expect the children to continue with regular reading and spelling activities on a weekly basis to support their learning in school. Other homework activities will be published via Microsoft Teams. The children will be taught how to access their assignments and submit their work online as part of our computing curriculum. We will be sending information home about the use of Teams for homework.

### Reading

Children take part in many different reading activities in school across a week. Your child will bring reading books to read with you at home. Please ensure that your child has their reading book and reading record book with them every day. Children will change their reading books on a rota: **4S** Monday, **4H** Thursday and **4E** Friday.

### Break times

Morning break is when the children are able to have their own healthy snack. Alternatively, you may have decided to sign up for your child to have a snack at the tuck shop to eat outside during playtime.

### PE

PE for all of Y3 and Y4 children takes place on Wednesday afternoons and children are asked to come to school in their PE kits on that day (Please refer to PE uniform list here: <https://www.allsaintsilkeley.bradford.sch.uk/school-uniform>). On Friday mornings, we have use of Ilkley swimming pool for lessons. Miss Hetherington's Y4 group will swim in the Autumn and 1<sup>st</sup> Spring half terms. Mrs Elliott's Y4 group will swim during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Half Term and Summer term. Year 3 children and Year 4 children who are not swimming will need to come to school in their PE kit on Fridays.

### Equipment and other activities

All of the equipment that children will need throughout the day will be provided by school. Children may bring a **small** pencil case to school to store this equipment in their trays if they choose to.

We look forward to sharing your child's journey with you. There will be opportunities for you to be part of your child's learning throughout the year. If you need to discuss any issues that may arise, please contact the office to arrange an appointment with the relevant member of staff.

The Year 3/4 team.