



Welcome to Owl Class!

Hello future Owls! I am really excited to be your Year 4 teacher next year. Are you looking forward to being an Owl?

I wanted to take this opportunity to write you a little welcome letter and to give you a bit of information about what life will be like in Owl Class. It is going to be a really great year full of lots of fun things. Mrs Richardson and Mrs Brooker will be working with us in Owl Class this year. We will make a really good team!

Since you were last at school some new outdoor gym equipment has arrived on the playground! We will have lots of opportunities to use this which is really exciting. We will also be using the running track to complete our Daily Mile. Our PE days will be Tuesdays and Fridays, and we will sometimes have a Dance/Drama session with Mrs Doll on a Tuesday. Don't forget to make sure your PE kit is in school for these days!

In Year 4 we are really lucky and we get to have special



Ukulele lessons on Thursdays. A special Ukulele teacher comes in and does some sessions with us every week. It is really good fun.



Our first topic back is going to be The Romans. It is one of my favourite topics in Year 4. At the start of the year in our Literacy lessons we read a story called 'Escape from Pompeii'. If you wanted to, you could do a bit of research about Pompeii over the Summer holidays. 'Romans on the Rampage' by Jeremy Strong is a fun book to read over the holidays too if you wanted to read a book related to our topic.

This year homework will be sent out on a Thursday and will need to be handed in on the following Tuesday. I will explain more about that once the term starts.

I have put together a little hello video which is on the school website. In this video I introduce myself properly (although most of you know me already!) and I tell you a little bit more about Year 4.

I have also filmed a video where I share one of my favourite stories from our book corner. I have added this to my private YouTube channel which I have been using throughout home learning with my current class. You can access this video by clicking on this link:

<https://youtu.be/ymYdbQVgTN4>

I hope you enjoy it!

All about Miss Steyn

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Although most of you know me already, I wanted to tell you a little bit about myself. I have been teaching at St Katharine's for 4 years now. I joined at the same time as you did as you were in Hedgehogs! My first year was in Year 2 and then I've been in Year 4 for the last few years. I love teaching Year 4 as we cover lots of my favourite topics.



Some of you may remember my dog, Flo. I brought her in to visit school when she was a tiny puppy!

She has grown a lot since then and is now 3 years old. She is a black cockapoo. I love spending time with Flo and over lockdown we have been on a walk almost every day! She loves collecting sticks when we go out for walks and playing in the water.

Perhaps one of the most interesting facts about me is that my dad's side of the family come from South Africa. My dad was born there and lots of my family still live there now. I have never actually been myself but it is top of my list of places I want to visit! My mum was born in Singapore and she has lived in lots of countries around the world such as Turkey and Brazil. I'd love to go and visit all the countries she lived in one day. I've only ever lived in England and mainly in Kent!

I lived in Hampshire for 3 years when I was training to be a teacher. I studied at the University of Winchester. Winchester is a beautiful city. It



is full of lots of history and there is a beautiful cathedral which I graduated in. That was a really special day.

My favourite subjects to teach are Maths and PE. I also really enjoy Art and Science. One of my favourite parts about being a teacher is getting to take children to different sporting events, like Aqua Splash or District Sports. They are always really fun!

I don't really have any hobbies but when I'm not teaching I really enjoy going for walks, seeing my family and friends and going to the cinema! I love the cinema and I can't wait until I can go again when they open. I have recently discovered I enjoy water colour painting too! I'm getting quite good at painting flowers. I will bring in my sketchbook to show you when we are back at school. I wonder if you have learnt any new hobbies in lockdown?

I know things feel a bit strange at the moment and it's been a long time since some of you have been at school but I am really looking forward to September and to welcoming you all back.

I hope you have a lovely Summer holiday and I shall see you in September!

Miss Steyn