



Welcome to Helvellyn Class 2024/25

Dear Parents and Helvellyn children,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are looking forward to the start of the new academic year. I am excited to see you all and get started on another busy school year.

Below can be found some general class information for the new academic year.

Starting in a new class or new year group can be an anxious time. If anyone is worried about returning to school please do not hesitate to get in touch via TEAMS or email at agorst@shap.cumbria.sch.uk

I am looking forward to welcoming you all back on **Wednesday 4th September**.

Kind regards,
Miss Abbie Gorst

Helvellyn Class Staff

Miss Gorst

I will be your class teacher on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. I will be out all day on a Thursday on PPA (planning, preparation and assessment time) and in my new role as a Primary Maths Mastery Specialist where I will be working with teachers from Shap and other schools in Cumbria and Lancashire on delivering maths in their schools.

Miss Malin

Miss Malin will be in Helvellyn Class all day on a Thursday. She was in Helvellyn Class for most of the last academic year and the children know her well. She will be teaching maths, English, art/design technology and computing on a Thursday.

Miss Shannon Crisp

We are lucky to have Shannon supporting us in Helvellyn this year. Shannon will be in class every morning until lunchtime.

Mrs Turner

Mrs Turner will be in class on a Tuesday morning delivering Guided Reading.

Helvellyn Class Example Timetable

On the next page below is an example timetable for Helvellyn Class.

There is flexibility in this and some days lessons such as maths and English may swap around due to the support and resources needed.

We also have a visual timetable up daily and discuss changes in timetable prior to them happening whenever possible.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Miss Gorst (all <u>day</u>) + Shannon (morning only)	Miss Gorst (all <u>day</u>) + Shannon (morning only)	Miss Gorst (all <u>day</u>) + Shannon (morning only)	Miss Malin (all <u>day</u>) + Shannon (morning only)	Miss Gorst (all <u>day</u>) + Shannon (morning only)
08:45 Reading Pals with Kidsty Pike	08:45 Early Morning Activity (English/Maths activity)	08:45 Early Morning Activity (English/Maths activity)	08:45 Early Morning Activity (English/Maths activity)	08:45 Reading Pals with Kidsty Pike
9:00 English	9:00 Spelling	9:00 English	9:00 Spelling	9:00 Spelling
10:00 French	9:30 Maths/Guided Reading Groups (English)	10:00 RE	9:30 Art/DT OR Computing	9:30 Maths
10:30 Break	10:30 Break	10:50 Break	10:50 Break	10:30 Break
10:50 Maths	10:50 Maths/Guided Reading Groups (English)	11:10 Maths	11:10 English	10:50 English
12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch
13:00 Mastering Number (new arithmetic programme)	13:00 Music	13:00 Mastering Number (new arithmetic programme)	13:00 Art/DT OR Computing	13:00 PE
13:20 Science	13:30 PE	13:20 History/Geography (<u>changes</u> weekly)	14:00 Y6 Buddies Y5 Recorders	14:00 PSHE
14:40 Wellbeing Activity/Reading to Class/Tidying Up	14:40 Wellbeing Activity/Reading to Class/Tidying Up	14:00 PE (with Lucy every other week) OR Longer History/Geography + Daily Mile	14:30 Maths	14:30 Wellbeing Activity/Reading to Class/Tidying Up
14:50 Worship Time	14:50 Worship Time	15:00 Wellbeing Activity/Reading to Class/Tidying Up	14:50 Worship Time	14:45 Celebration Worship Time
15:15 Get ready for home	15:15 Get ready for home	15:15 Get ready for home	15:15 Get ready for home	15:15 Get ready for home

What Do I Need to Bring to School?

- Uniform (click on link for website) - children should come to school wearing smart school uniform, including appropriate footwear. Click on the link to see the uniform requirements on the school website. We also have 'pass down' days where you can buy 'new to you' uniform.
- Coat - Children should have a named coat, preferably waterproof, in school every day
- Healthy snack for break times.
- Packed lunch - Unless you have ordered a school dinner which can be done via the Parent Pay platform - please click the link to view the school lunch menus - School Lunch Menus
- Water bottle - filled with water only!
- PE kit - this needs to be in school **every day** in case we need to change our PE days.
- Stationery - We **discourage** children bringing in their own pencil cases. We provide the children with all the stationery items they will need. This also prevents items from home from getting lost!

Start of the Day Procedures

You may drop your child off on the school yard between 08:30 and 08:45 each day. Children will be supervised by Mrs Chappell (or another member of teaching staff in her absence) and another member of staff.

Helvellyn children will collect their belongings and go into school through the side door near Blencathra classroom when the whistle is blown.

Any child arriving after 08:45 must go to the school office and will be marked as late in the register.

Break Times

We will have break time either at 10:30 or at 10:50 depending on the day. Children should bring in some form of healthy snack to keep them going through the morning until lunch.

End of the Day Procedures

Children will be let out of school between 3:15 and 3:20 and can be collected at the wooden door by Helvellyn classroom.

If you wish for your child to walk home by themselves after school, please send me an email or written note of consent. If your child walked home by themselves last year, please send a new note of consent for this upcoming school year. Thank you.

Reading Books

In Year 5 and 6, children independently change and choose their own reading books. Children are given time at the start of each day (8:45-9:00) to change their books and straight after lunch.

Children will have 2 reading books. One to take home and read and one that will be kept in their trays so staff and volunteers can listen to them read during the week.

Miss Gorst or Shannon will check the GoRead (Boom Reader) app on a Friday morning and prepare the reading raffle tickets.

- Reading 3x a week = 1 ticket
- Reading 4x a week = 2 tickets
- Reading 5+ x a week = 3 tickets

The minimum expectation is that all children read 3x a week at home to a family member or friend.

We are lucky to have some volunteers from our community to come in and hear the children read during the week. They are also heard in class through English and guided reading sessions.

PE

Helvellyn will have PE sessions on Tuesdays and alternate between Wednesdays and Fridays weekly. We are lucky to have coach Lucy Potter teaching PE every other Wednesday. So, on weeks we have Lucy we will have PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday and weeks without Lucy on a Tuesday and Friday. We will also try to complete the Daily Mile most days.

PE Kit List - click on link to school website for pictures

- Maroon shorts
- White t-shirt or polo shirt either with or without the school logo
- Maroon hoodie or fleece with or without the school logo
- Maroon jogging bottoms or leggings for outdoor PE lessons in cold weather
- A pair of trainers which the children can fasten independently

Children should have their PE kit in school **every day**.

ALL jewellery must be removed - children need to be able to remove their own earrings. They may want to bring a small pot to keep their earrings safe.

Outdoor Education

Roughly every four weeks, Helvellyn class will have their outdoor education session with our specialist Emma Daley on a Wednesday.

Emma plans exciting and meaningful sessions for the children and they are often a highlight of the children's year. We go out whatever the weather so children will need to make sure they have the correct kit:

- waterproof trousers
- waterproof coat
- wellies or waterproof outdoor boots
- in cold weather: woolly hat, gloves

We have some spare equipment in school but not enough for every child.

Our sessions for this term are:

Wednesday 11th September

Wednesday 9th October

Wednesday 13th November

Wednesday 11th December

Homework

Homework will be set **each week on a Friday** via a TEAMS assignment and is expected in the following **Thursday**. Homework each week will consist of: a short basic maths or grammar activity to consolidate class learning and a longer-form activity focused on either maths or English.

Children will receive a homework book to complete their homework in. Once they have read the assignment on TEAMS, they will have to complete the different tasks in their book. This resembles the method UCC and QEGs use to deliver much of their homework and so provides a good transition step for our children.

Children will be rewarded for handing in their homework on time by moving up the traffic lights. They will also be given team points for the quality and care they give to each piece of homework.

It is my expectation that homework should be completed as independently as possible by the children. If they are struggling to complete a certain question then I am happy to help them on TEAMS or in class. However, children will need to be supported by parents in being given adequate space and time to complete the work.

If children consistently fail to complete homework then children will have to complete their homework during a lunchtime session and there will be an email/phone call to parents to discuss how we can support your child to complete homework on time.

Residentials

More information on the residentials will be given later, Mrs Chappell and I are working on doing the Helvellyn residential a little differently this year. When we have more concrete details we will let you know.

Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)

At the end of Year 6, children sit tests in:

- Reading
- Maths
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar

This year Year 6 SATs will be conducted during the week of 12th May 2024.

These tests are both set and marked externally. Your child's marks will be used in conjunction with teacher assessment to give a broader picture of their attainment over the course of their time in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6). Children prepare for these throughout the year as part of their normal classroom learning.

Communication

If you have any questions or queries about your child's wellbeing or learning then please do not hesitate to contact me either by email (agorst@shap.cumbria.sch.uk) or on TEAMS through the 'chat' function. I will also come out to send the children home from school so you can also talk to me then.

Lots of messages and reminders (such as reminding children about outdoor education sessions or Action Ants events) will be sent via TEAMS so it will be important to keep looking at this frequently.

If you have forgotten your password then please email me to let me know and I can re-set this for you.

If I haven't answered any of your/your child's questions regarding Helvellyn Class then please get in touch.