



Welcome to...
Wortham
Primary
School

Welcome to Bumblebee Class



We are delighted that you have chosen Wortham Primary as your child's first school.

We are a very happy school, where all of our children and adults are valued and we pride ourselves in how we nurture each individual child to become confident, resilient lifelong learners. I am very proud of the achievements that we have gained and I look forward to sharing these with you and creating new ones as new members of our learning community.

I am very excited about getting to know you all and to seeing the progress that your children will make at our very special school.

Mrs Claire Flatman
Headteacher - Wortham Primary School



Miss Stevenson and Mrs Cartledge
Bumblebee classroom teachers

Welcome children and parents to Bumblebee class. We are both very excited about seeing you all soon and being able to help you settle into life in our lovely school. There will be lots of new things to learn and we will work hard to make sure that you have everything you need for starting your new school and creating lots of happy memories.

Parents, we hope that this booklet will provide some useful information that will help you and your child settle quickly into life in Bumblebee class.

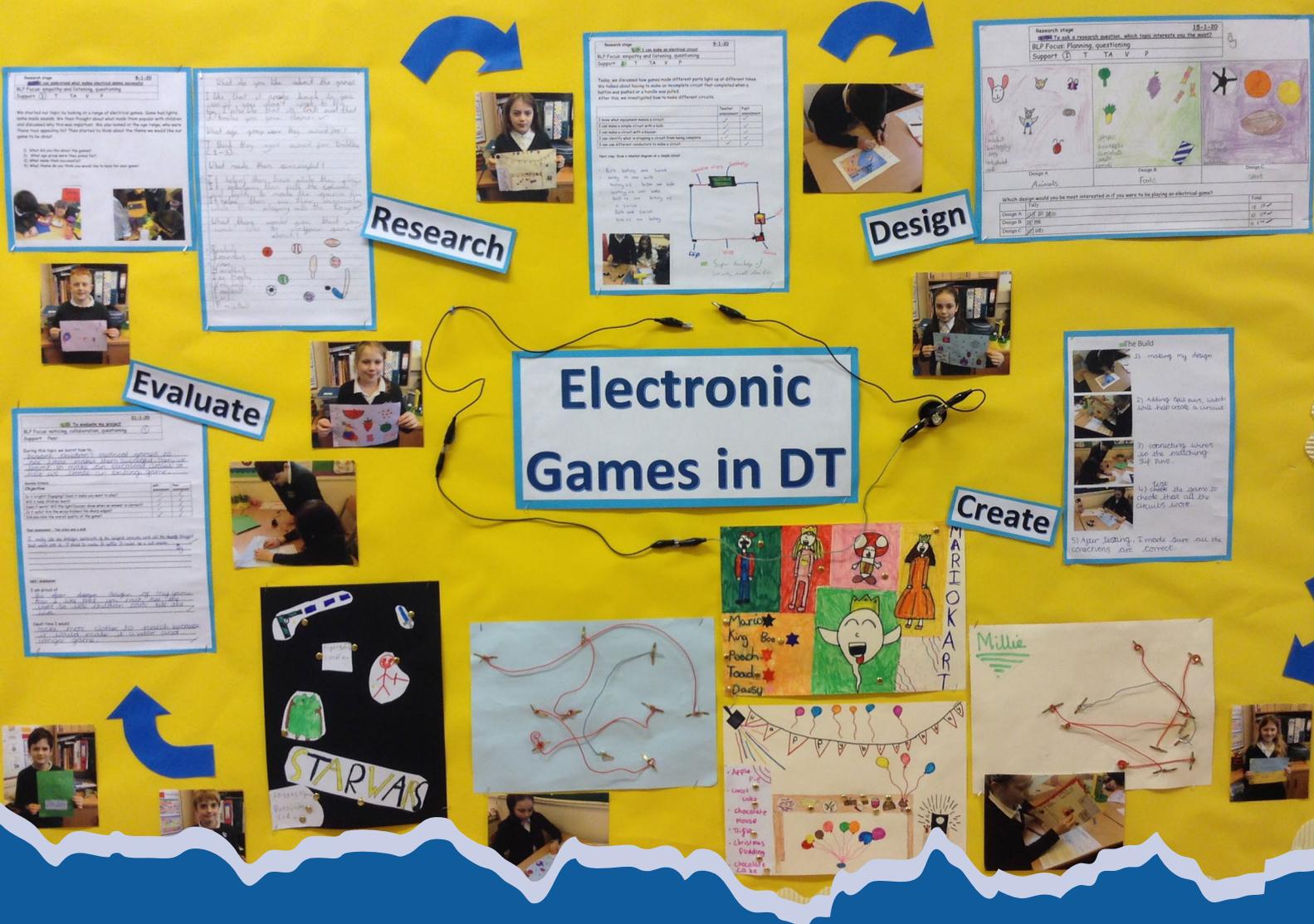
Our Vision

At Wortham Primary school we believe a child's early years' experience has a huge impact on future learning and later life outcomes. We want our children to thrive in a secure, safe and happy environment as confident and resilient individuals, achieving their full potential.

Children who have high levels of engagement, motivation and deep thinking skills will be creative and adventurous learners who take risks and will naturally enjoy learning.

We understand that we are responsible for shaping their learning attitude and we aim to give our children a love of learning that lasts a lifetime. We aim to provide a creative indoor and outdoor environment rich with learning opportunities. As Early Years practitioners we understand that children are individuals, we celebrate this and nurture our children to be happy and successful learners.





Parents as partners

We recognise the importance of parents and carers in a child's learning and development and this is reflected in our school motto '**Together We Achieve.**'

You are your child's first educators and we greatly value any input, opinions and information you can share with us about your child's learning and progress. To support this, we produce a 'Learning Journey' using an online Tapestry account which records your child's learning and achievements.

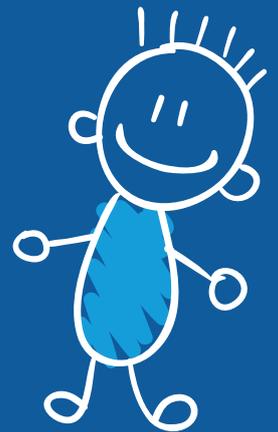
We invite you to contribute to your child's learning by adding any relevant comments and photographs of activities that your child is enjoying at home.

It is always lovely to see photographs and comments of the children during the summer holidays so that we can share these and get to know each other as a class when they begin school.

We provide many other opportunities for parents and carers to take an active part in their child's education. These include:

- Parent evenings
- Share days
- Sporting events
- Assemblies at the end of the term.

We are here to support you all as members of our school community. If you have any questions regarding your child at any stage of their schooling, please speak to a member of staff.



Learning in the Foundation Stage



Reception is where the excitement begins. Within the foundation stage children learn together in an enabling environment that inspires and motivates them to learn and achieve.

Children are taught as a cohort or in small groups for mathematics, writing, reading and phonics sessions throughout the week. These inputs are engaging, timely and interactive.

After these teaching inputs children access 'free-flow' play in the environment where there is a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities. Children are able to access the continuous provision that has been enhanced for purposeful, inspiring play.

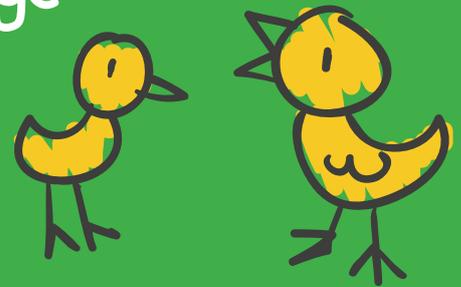
Adults observe play and join in where invited or where there are opportunities to guide and move learning on. To move learning on the adult will question, challenge or extend learning.



The Early Years Foundation Stage

Curriculum

In Reception, we continue with the same framework as your child's preschool setting: The Early Years Foundation Stage. In addition to this, these are experiences that we offer at Wortham...



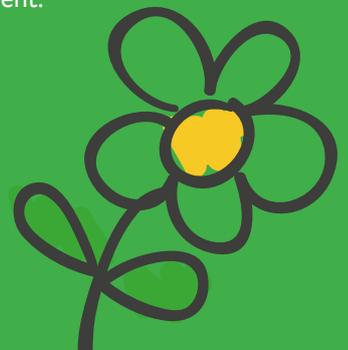
Forest School

We are very fortunate to be able to provide forest school experiences within the school grounds and children will all have an opportunity over the year to attend sessions.

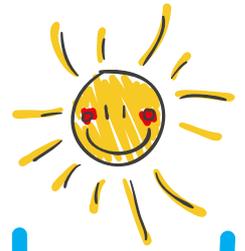
This gives the children a wonderful opportunity to become independent and lead their own learning in a natural environment.

Welly Walks

The children will also take part in welly walks within the village every Wednesday. This provides the children with another valuable experience and the opportunity to explore and learn through the natural environment. Helpers are always needed and anyone who would like to take part would be warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated.



Your first steps into Wortham Primary School



Phased starting times

**Week 1 – Children attend
9.15-11.45am (not staying
for lunch)**

**Week 2 – Children attend
8.50-1.30pm (with lunch)**

**Week 3 – Children attend
8.50-3.15pm (full time)**

Our school transition for this year is very different due to the extraordinary times that we are experiencing. To help us prepare for your child's start at Wortham we will be contacting nurseries to gather information from your child's key worker.

We will be finding out important information that will ultimately help them settle in to life in their new school environment.

Mrs Cartledge and Miss Stevenson will also be contacting you and your child for an informal chat to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. We look forward to this and getting to know more about our children.

We hope to welcome your child in September to Bumblebee class in the following way: **please be aware that the school will be waiting on Government guidance over the summer and that this could change.**

We will communicate any amendments to you as soon as we are made aware.

How you can help your child prepare for school

Your child will really benefit from being as independent as possible when they start school. Of course we will always help your child but children always feel a real sense of achievement when they can accomplish these things themselves.

What should he/she be able to do?

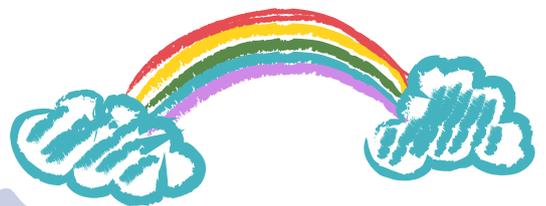
- Dress and undress themselves (really important for PE).
- Put on and fasten their own coat and shoes (children in reception have access to the outdoor area so being able to do these things independently means children can get on with playing and learning rather than having to wait for help).

- Use the toilet independently (and ask to go when needed).
- Tidy up after themselves.
- Listen well and follow simple instructions.
- Share toys and equipment.
- Recognise their own name.
- Practice counting to 20.

Here are a few ideas of activities that you may like to do with your child:

- Lots of fun activities: painting, drawing, cooking, singing, making models, playing games, jigsaws, etc.

- Develop fine motor skills through using crayons, pens, pencils, playdough, scissors, threading activities.
- Share stories, books and rhymes: read to them.
- Count everything. Stairs, knives, forks, trees and anything you can find.
- Talk to your child, lots of discussion about things around them, what they can see, how things work, what things are for, what they are doing, etc.



The School Day

The start of the day

Children will wait in Bumblebee playground and are collected by the class teacher at 8.50am. They enter through the reception class entrance. There will be equipment in the playground, ready for the school day.

We would be grateful if children do not play on this during this early morning time. To help settle your child each morning we would welcome you accompanying them into school until they have gained the confidence to do this independently.

Collecting your child

At the end of the school day you are able to access the school playground from 3pm. The children will only be released when the person collecting the child is in the playground. If your child is not being collected by you then please do inform the school of the name of the adult collecting your child at the end of the day.

School Uniform

We require all children to wear school uniform. Our embroidered school uniform is available to purchase online at www.myclothing.com.

Our uniform is as follows:

Girls: Black/grey skirt or trousers, white blouse/polo-shirt, green sweatshirt or cardigan. Green gingham dresses may be worn in the summer.

Boys: Black/grey trousers or shorts, white shirt/polo-shirt, green sweatshirt.

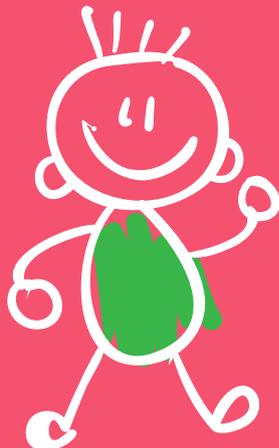
Shoes: All children should wear sensible shoes in black. Trainers should not be worn.

PE: Children should wear black/navy shorts and green t-shirts. All children should have trainers. Warm tracksuits will be needed when the weather turns colder.

As our learning environment includes sessions indoors and outdoors, we ask that you make sure your child is equipped for these areas at all times of the year. Please ensure their clothing is practical and suitable for the seasonal changes. PE kits are left in school for a half term.

At the end of the half term they are returned to be washed and checked in case children have grown out of them.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORM IS LABELLED



8.50am

Gate opens

9.00am

Gate to Bumblebee class is closed

9.05am

Morning sessions consist of adult and child-initiated activities, including our daily phonics session

10.40am

Break time - children will be offered a piece of fruit and a drink of milk (milk is provided up until the age of 5, but we try and offer it to all children if possible).

11.00am

Continue with free flow and directed activities

12.00pm

Lunch time

1.00pm

Continue with free flow and directed activities

2.40pm

Assembly

3.15pm

Home time is officially 3.15pm but we open the gate from 3.10pm to allow parents with older siblings to collect younger children first





Items your child will need in school

- **Coats** (please be aware that these are likely to get sandy, muddy or wet.) School coats are available to purchase, if you would like a school coat then please speak to Mrs Paine in the school office who will let you know the sizes that are available.
- **Hats, scarves, gloves or sun hats** all clearly labelled and dependent on weather.
- **Water Bottles** clearly labelled.
- **Book bags** – these can be ordered online when you place your uniform order.
- **Reading records and reading book** please ensure you record and sign every time your child reads.
- **Library books** – your child will have the opportunity to choose a book from the library once a week; these are for you to share with your child.
- **Phonics folder** – the children will be given a phonics folder which will contain all the sounds learnt each week; it really helps your child if you practice these sounds and the letter formation together.

School Dinners

At the Wortham, we are very lucky to have our own canteen so all meals are cooked on the premises. Meals are fresh and tasty and are prepared with the principles of healthy eating in mind. There is always a nourishing, well balanced two course meal served with the alternative of a vegetarian option or a filled jacket potato, and fresh fruit and salad are always on offer too.

While your child is in Reception, year 1 and year 2 they will be entitled to a free daily meal under the government's universal infant free school meals scheme.

We ask that you go through the menu with your child and pre book lunches in advance (please see enclosed "schoolmoney" letter).

If your child would prefer to bring in their own packed lunch (this option still needs to be entered onto the schoolmoney system) we ask that it does not contain any products that contain nuts and also contains healthy options.

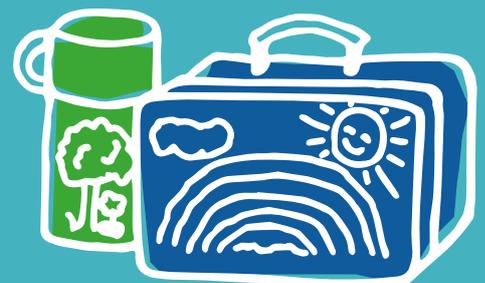
If your child has any specific dietary requirements please let us know.

Milk and Fruit

We enjoy fruit and vegetables for our snack time each morning. Children enjoy this with milk or water.

A Healthy School

Children need to bring a named water bottle to school at the beginning of the school week; they will take it home on a Friday so that it can be cleaned



over the weekend. Water is essential to hydrate your child's brain and to help them learn. Please ensure that the bottles contain only water. The bottles return to school every Monday.

Free School Meals

This is different to the universal infant free school meals as mentioned above. If you feel you qualify for free schools meals then please find this application form on our school website. If you are entitled this will support your child with additional funding for trips, music tuition and after school clubs throughout their time at school.

Additional Information

Attendance

Please arrive at school between 8.50am-9am so that your child has time to settle in before registration. If your child is late please bring them to the school office so they can be registered for the day. If your child is not attending school due to illness please telephone the school office, no later than 9.00am and inform us of the reason for their absence.

Illness
Please keep your child off school if they are feeling unwell. In the case of sickness or diarrhoea, your child should remain at home for at least 48 hours after the last occurrence. If your child is ill during the school day, then they will need to be collected as soon as possible. Please make sure the office has all the telephone numbers necessary to contact you either at home or work.

Medical Appointments

It is helpful to know in advance about any medical appointments. Please make Mrs Paine in the school office or the class teacher aware of any appointments that you have scheduled for during the school day. We will also require a copy of the medical appointment to hold on record.

Medicines

Designated staff will administer medication to children only when it has been prescribed by a doctor. Medication should be clearly labelled with the child's name and dosage. You will be required to complete a consent form at the school office for any medication (this can also be printed off the school website and brought into school with the medicine).

Health Care Plans

If your child has a specific health care plan please make Miss Stevenson or Mrs Cartledge aware and they can arrange to discuss it with you.

Asthma

For children with asthma, please provide the school with a clearly labelled inhaler stating your child's name and dosage. If a spacer is required, please provide this also.

Head Lice and Threadworms

Reception children are most likely to get head lice and threadworms because they play more closely to one another. Please regularly check your child's hair for head lice and please do let us know if your child has head lice or threadworms and we can discreetly let other parents know, so they can check their children. We recommend that long hair should be tied up for school to reduce the spread of head lice.

Accidents

If your child has received first aid for a minor accident they will be issued with a wrist band. You will be contacted by the classroom teacher at the end of the day if your child has had a bump to the head and an accident note will be completed.

Parent Consent Forms

We will ask you to complete several forms at the start of the year giving us consent for local trips, photographic consent, and data collection details.



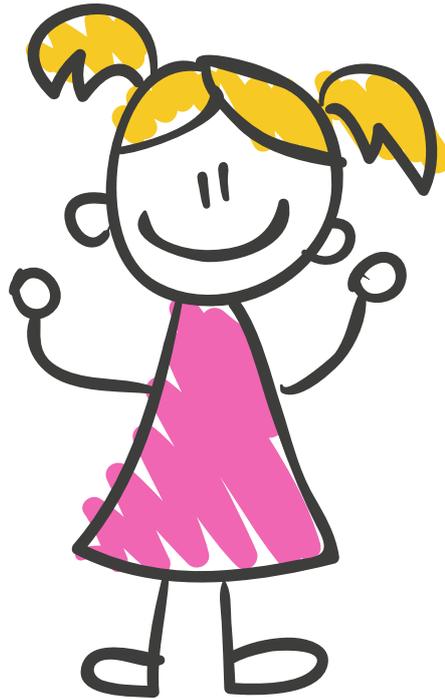
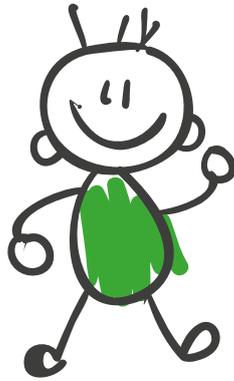


Meet the Staff

You will see in Bumblebee class..



Claire Flatman
Headteacher



Miss Tracy Stevenson
Reception Teacher



Mrs Catherine Cartkidge
Reception Teacher



Mrs Amanda Brydon
SENCO



Mrs Rebecca Garrard
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Nikki Widdeson
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Avril Yaxley
HLTA

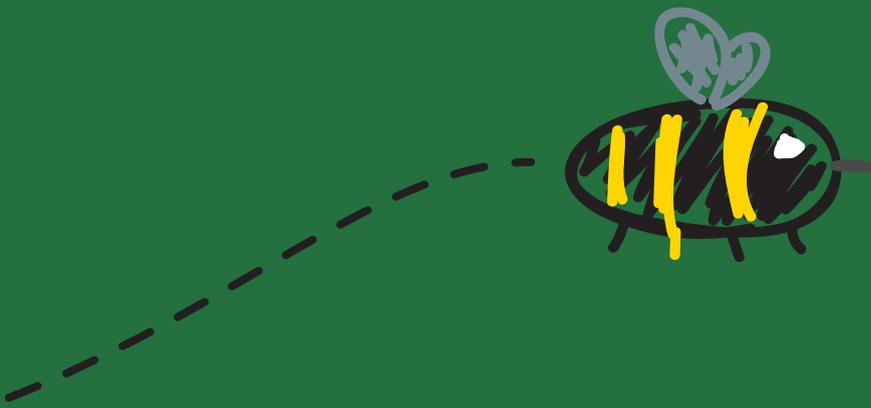


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