



Your child's new teacher is:

**Mrs Schwartzel**

They will be in class

**4 Elder**

next year

Who am I? Where did I come from? What am I doing here?

I am an experienced teacher and have taught for over 10 years in the UK and for 3 years in Johannesburg, South Africa my home town. I believe that teaching is a "work of heart" and I consider myself lucky to teach a class full of children every day.

I live with my husband and my cat Amber, in Hertfordshire and love the great outdoors. My hobbies include, biking, hiking, writing, practicing yoga and reading as many books as I can.

This will be my third year at Thomas Hickman, I have taught previously at Great Missenden in Buckinghamshire, The Clara Grant Primary School in London, Warren Primary in Thurrock and Gascoigne Primary School in Barking and Dagenham.

I believe that good communication with parents is the key to children's success. If you feel that there is anything I should know which might affect your child's learning then please do let me know so that we can work together to find a solution.

Or you can email the school and we will contact you as soon as we possibly can.

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**Why your children are important to me:**

Because their boundless imagination allows them to see endless possibilities. Sometimes, it takes just one thing to ignite a spark within them and open up a whole new path for excellence. Whether it's a recommended book, a paintbrush, team sports, or a science lesson; finding that one thing they love can unlock a world of opportunities. By nurturing their creativity and fostering their interests, we can empower them to become confident individuals who can carve their own paths and excel in areas that truly inspire them.

**Why Year 4 is amazing:**

In Year 4, we have the opportunity to explore some amazing Fields of Study. We will delve into 'Swords and Settlers,' where we'll learn about the Saxons, Vikings, and Normans. Next, we'll embark on a journey through 'River Deep, Mountain High,' discovering rivers and mountains from around the world. Finally, we'll uncover the wonders of 'It Belongs in a Museum!' as we investigate the ancient civilisations of Egypt and the Maya.

In addition to our classroom activities, we have a variety of trips and in-school experiences planned. We're particularly excited about visiting Henley in the spring term and the Pitt Rivers Museum in the summer term. These outings will provide us with fantastic opportunities to enrich our learning and engage with our topics.

*I look forward to seeing you in September*