

Dear Parent/ carer,

April 2021

We would like to welcome your child back to school after the Easter holidays. Although school is still quite different at the moment, we hope your child is looking forward to the rest of year 3 and that the following information will help them settle back in successfully. We have been really impressed by the children's maturity and positive attitude since returning from lockdown, and are looking forward to see this develop as the year progresses.

Please send your child in with the minimal amount of belongings as possible. Children are allowed to have anti-bac gel in school, however, this can stay in their drawer in the classroom. Thank you for adhering to our social distancing measures at drop-off and pick-up times. If you do have any concerns about your child, please direct these to the office in the first instance, who will forward these on to myself or continue to use the 'home learning' email address that was available during lockdown. I am able to meet parents virtually through Teams or have a phone conversation with you if there are concerns.

Classroom

The children are currently in a Seahorse 'bubble' which means they can interact and socialise only with the children in our class. Their tables are continuing to be positioned in forward facing rows which are regularly cleaned. Learning resources are also available for



children to access within the classroom which are cleaned after being used. Each child is responsible for their own bag of individual resources such as pencil, rubber, glue stick, etc to ensure that there is minimal sharing of this everyday equipment.



Topic

Our topic this term is 'The Secret Garden.' In science this term we will be spending time growing different plants and learning about the parts of a plant and why they are important. After half term, we will be investigating different animals as well as investigating different biomes and types of habitats.



Recapping key skills

We will be running regular sessions for children to be revisiting key skills in Maths and English, to consolidate key skills which may have been missed due to lockdown. These are in addition to the usual Maths and English lessons.

Homework Projects and Spelling Shed and Timetables Rockstars

Please continue to hear your child reading as often as possible. Children can also access activities set on Spelling Shed, Maths Shed and Times Table Rock Stars (their logins for which will be in their reading records).

PE Kit

PE during this term is timetabled for Monday and Thursday. Your child's kit needs to be in school every day just in case these sessions change for any reason. Please ensure that they have



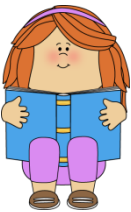
navy blue shorts, t-shirt, trainers and appropriate warm clothing for going outside and that all items are clearly named. PE kits will be sent home on a Friday so that the cloakrooms can be thoroughly cleaned.



Project work, to be completed over the summer term, will be sent home within the next week. There will be 6 activities which build upon the work we will be doing in school this term, it would be great if at least 3 of the activities could be completed to share with the class before summer. More details on how this project work can be shared with school will be sent home in the coming few days as, at the moment, we are unable to have large pieces of work sent into school.

Water bottles and snacks

Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle with their names on it. Children should also have a fruit snack that they can eat at break up.



Reading

Reading is a fundamental part of your child's education and we would encourage you to hear your child read every day or as often as possible. Whilst hearing them read, it is also useful to discuss the book with your child in order to check their understanding of the story. Please write in their reading record book when you hear them read and send these into school every day. We ask that children always keep their reading books and reading records in their book bags at the moment.

Library Books

At the moment, the library is out of use for children. Adults from our bubble will visit the library regularly and select a variety of books, some which fit in with our topic and some which are of general interest. Children will be able to look at, read and share these books within our class bubble. These will then be changed by an adult.

Class Organisation

Mr Harris is the class' teacher, with the exception of Wednesday afternoons when Mr Hart will be covering the class. Miss Radley is the classes TA who is in school every morning and covers the classes' lunch duty as well as part of Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

We are so pleased to be back at school full time and are looking forward to all the new learning opportunities and challenges ahead this term.

Mr Harris and Miss Radley