

Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents,

We would like to start this letter by saying that we are very proud of Caterpillar Class as they have settled back into school incredibly well. It is wonderful to have them all back!

For the first two weeks of this term we are using a text called 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. The story enables the children to explore their feelings and emotions in a supportive way whilst they get use to the new routines and expectations of school.

Reading

The children are able to select two reading books: one for the classroom and one to bring home. The children are aware that once they have read a book in either location, it is placed in the classroom drop box and they then select another text. The book that comes home should remain at home until your child has finished it. (We know some of our free readers have books at home which they prefer to read instead. This is absolutely fine.)

Curriculum

This half term our topic will be 'Schools in the Past'. In Science, our focus will be 'Animals including Humans' - teeth, digestion and food chains. In PSHE, we are exploring 'Healthy and Happy Friendships', whilst in RE we will be answering the question 'how do people express commitment to a religion or worldview in different ways?' In PE, they will be working on 'Fitness', 'Team Building' and 'Long Distance Running'.

Homework

We are not planning to set any homework for the first few weeks. We are practising spellings in class as part of our 'Personal Tasks' – personalised activities that the children practise at the beginning and end of the day.

PE

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays. On these days, your child should come to school wearing their PE kit with long hair tied back and earrings removed or covered in tape. Plimsolls/trainers should be brought into school and kept here.

Timetable

English and Maths lessons will be taught in the mornings by Miss Rich (Monday to Thursday) and Mrs Farley (on a Friday). Mrs Farley will also teach the class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. She will teach Science, Topic, RE, Spanish and PSHE. We will both work closely together to ensure that the curriculum is

covered in full and that links are made across subjects. We are lucky that we have two mornings a week when we are both in class at the same time.

Mrs Austen will be teaching Art and Design Technology and Music will continue to be taught by Miss Vigii. Mrs Newson will be teaching PE and Mrs Edwards will continue to teach computing.

In the next few weeks, we will invite you to a parent/teacher consultation via Teams. However, if there are any problems or concerns, no matter how small, please do not hesitate in contacting us via the school office.

We look forward to working with you all.

Georgina Rich and Rachael Farley