



September 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what should be a little normality and routine, as well as some fun and learning! We hope you all had a good summer and are ready for the term ahead.

After a really exciting start to the term with our Wonka Wonderland, we will be settling down to our curriculum next week. This term the big question we will be trying to answer is 'Who do we share our world with?' In science, we will be investigating the habitats around school and considering who we share our school grounds with and then looking at the wider world and thinking about our animals and their habitats around the seven continents and five oceans of the world. To complement this, we will be reading 'Daisy and the trouble with Zoos' by Kes Gray as our first class novel. We will also think about how special our world is in our R.E. unit and how we should make sure that we should respect and look after the world we live in. Leading on from us investigating the different foods that animals eat, we will also be looking at our own diet, making sure we understand it should be balanced and nutritious.

In Art and Design we plan to create 3D sculptures of animals, some small that we make individually and one big, class sculpture that will involve us working as a team.

In English, we will be starting with a lovely book called Tanka Tanka Skunk by Steve Webb which will help us not only discuss a range of animals but look at phonemes and syllables in the words we use. Year 1 will be continuing on their phonic journey and Year 2 will be starting to bring home five spellings a week to learn. These will be published on the school website next week as well as sent home and will be tested every Monday. Children in reception will begin learning the phonemes used in reading and writing and this will be supported with a parents' evening in the coming weeks where we will also discuss the Early Learning Goals and how you can help your child at home.

Reading, as ever, remains a key focus. Children will be able to bring home books and school will make sure that on their return they enter a 72 hour quarantine as per government guidelines. Please ensure that your child reads for at least 10 minutes every day, whether that be their school reading book, sharing a book with yourselves or reading independently as they become more confident. It is vital that you fill in their reading record so that we can monitor their progress and offer support if necessary.

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It's back to basics in maths with counting, number bonds, place value and early times tables. This is to ensure that the children are ready with all the skills they require to progress through the maths curriculum.

P.S.H.E. (personal, social and health education) will appear daily in the timetable, whether it be through discussion in Circle Time, Mindfulness, yoga or exercise. Mental and physical well-being is so important after such a tumultuous time and we want to ensure that the children are happy and ready to learn.

The children will have plenty of opportunities to consolidate their learning in the curriculum in the Continuous Provision both inside and outside the classroom.

PE will be on a Thursday with Mrs Speight so please make sure you have a full and labelled PE kit in school. We will also be going in the forest every week, rain or shine, so wellies are a must - school can provide waterproof coats and trousers for every child.

Please make sure your child brings a water bottle every day as hydration is so important.

Knowledge Organisers with more details about aspects of the curriculum will be available on the curriculum Class 1 page on our website and The Learning Log with optional activities to support our topic work and Year 2 spellings will be on the homework section.

Fruit will be provided for a breacktime snack and children can bring 20p to buy a slice of toast if they wish. You should have been sent a letter regarding milk; please make sure you child knows whether you have arranged for them to have milk to avoid any confusion.

As always, If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me - [ekeen@caton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ekeen@caton.lancs.sch.uk)

Best wishes.

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