



Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Highweek. These have been truly unprecedented times. All of the staff at school have missed the children greatly and are looking forward to beginning the new school year. As you are aware, school is a little bit different in these current times and we are mindful of the fact that many children will not have been able to access school since March. Some of you may be excited to return whilst others of you may feel anxious or worried. Therefore, our focus for this term will be settling the children in and getting used to the routines once more. We shall be following a recovery curriculum that will support in all areas including wellbeing, forming relationships, building a sense of community as well as the core curriculum, which is responsive to the individual needs of our children.

Literacy

We will begin the term with our first text called '**Rain before the Rainbow**' which encourages our growth mindset ethos based on being courageous which is very fitting given what we have, and continue to experience in all of our lives. We will then move onto our next text called "**Here We Are**" written by Oliver Jeffers: a beautifully illustrated and light-hearted guide to our planet. We want to encourage a sense of community across the entire school, to reflect on the last few months, and to look forward to the future in a positive way.

Maths

This term, we will focus on a recovery curriculum, which explores basic mathematical concepts in a practical sense and underpins more complex maths. There will be opportunities to look at patterns, counting, investigating etc with a strong emphasis on rebuilding your child's confidence. Please encourage your child to continue to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and extend their knowledge by learning their 3x table too.

Reading

We will gradually re-introduce **Accelerated Reader**, so that children will have time in school for individual reading and reading as a whole class. Children will be able to bring in their own reading books from home or choose a book from school, but at present will not be taking school books home. Your child will be able to quiz at school but our main focus will be reading for pleasure.

Afternoons

An evolving curriculum will be taught, which will take into account the changing needs of the children as well as ensuring curriculum coverage.

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PE

This will happen throughout the week for Plym and Ashburn class at various times. The children will not be changing, so a **PE kit will not be necessary** however, please ensure that your child has a **spare pair of trainers** in their bag. Please be aware that your child will also have extra active times during the day too through **DPA** and **Break times**.

Challenging Learning and Growth Mindset

At Highweek children have now developed a love of learning and a resilience essential for great achievement. We will continue to build upon these skills so that children move forward and reconnect with their learning. In the past, this has partly been encouraged through **Preview Tasks** which will continue to be sent out in the near future. Please support your child with these when they bring them home.

We are all so happy to be back and of course keen to help you and your child in returning to school positively. If you need to speak to us you can make contact on our email addresses below.

Kind Regards

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