

7th September 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a good summer break.



Taw Class teachers:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons: Mrs Rogers

Wednesday morning, Thursday & Friday: Mrs Phillips

Taw class will have PE support from Achieve 4 All & Chance 2 Shine.

Ms Collins will continue to teach music to the class on a Wednesday morning.



Our Curriculum in Taw:

Our class topic this term will be *'People who help us'*. Much of the work the children do will reflect this. In **English** many of the books the children will use in class as a basis for writing will be ones with a theme around different occupations, such as doctors, police, firefighters and engineers. In **Maths** the children will be developing their understanding of place value and counting skills before moving onto calculations. They will be encouraged to apply their maths knowledge through problem solving and explaining how they know an answer.

In **Science** this term our class will be exploring types of materials, describing them and creating investigations to discover what objects float and sink, and how waterproof different materials are. We will learn why different materials are used to make certain objects.

Developing our children's **personal, social and emotional skills** are vital to help them learn, identify and manage their feelings, think about how they can be a good friend and the importance of being kind.

In **Geography & History** we will be exploring where we live, locally and nationally, creating and understanding maps, looking at how firefighting has changed over the years and learning about the Great Fire of London.

In **Art and Design Technology** we will be designing, making and evaluating how to make various vehicles. We will explore colour and texture to create pictures of people in different occupations as well as making moving pictures. We will learn about and explore the work of Pop artist Roy Lichtenstein and how he used colour and words in his work.

PE this term will be a combination of multi skills and team games.

In **RE** we will be exploring what makes us special and how we belong before moving onto our topic about 'Who is Muslim and how do they live?' We will also be learning 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'

Show and tell:

'Show and tell' time is traditionally an important for developing the speaking and listening skills of children. Due to continuing Covid restrictions will unfortunately have to discourage children from bringing toys or items of interest into share with us, however, please feel free to email either of us with photos of something your child has done so we can display these on the whiteboard for everyone to see and for your child to talk about.



Reading:

Thank you to those who have read with your children over the holiday and shared books together. ***Reading with your children is one of the most important ways you can support their learning in Reception/Key Stage 1.*** As a parent/carer it is an expectation that you will hear your child read, or read with them, at least four times a week. It really makes a huge difference if reading regularly takes place at home. They will have a decodable book to practise their phonics skills alongside a 'book of interest' to share with you. Please make a note of this in the yellow reading diary. Your comments are relevant at whatever level your child is currently reading at.

Home Learning:

This half term we will focus on spelling/letter recognition, handwriting/motor skills and number skills, alongside their regular reading. Reception and Key Stage 1 will have a Home Learning book with activities linked to current or future work. We will send work home on Fridays starting next week.

We will always endeavour to be available if you have anything you would like to talk about regarding your child in Taw class, however big or small. Please also contact us via email:

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We are looking forward to another rewarding year working with the children and you in Taw class.

Kind regards

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