

Voyagers Autumn 1 2020 Newsletter



We hope that you have all had a lovely summer and are now looking forward to getting back into routine! We have enjoyed meeting and reconnecting with all the children as we embark on our new Voyager journey.

Class teachers in our class this year are Mrs Paisley and Ms Leithead (Weds) ably assisted by Mrs Dixon, Mrs Hunter and Mrs White. Our new Voyager children all know Miss Hunte, Mrs White and Mrs Dixon from last year as they worked with Mr Pearson.

Our first Mini Adventure will be called **Smile Inside and Out**. This topic will reflect our new school S.M.I.L.E recovery curriculum initiative.

Reading and Spelling

The children will have the opportunity to receive their reading books for the week ahead each Friday. If you would like to return books before then we have a return box in class that will be used to quarantine returned books before redistribution.

I will run guided reading sessions in small groups and your children will be encouraged to articulate and record their responses to texts, in particular focussing on interpreting their ideas from the clues in texts (inference skills). Please encourage your children to read independently every day and whilst the children are now mostly fluent readers, it is still important to hear them read at least once a week.

In school, we will also follow a daily spelling and handwriting session, focussed on developing reading and knowledge of spelling rules and word families.

Homework

Homework will be set online through School 360 as this was a huge success with our children during lockdown. All homework activities will be sign posted to the children and more information on this will be circulated soon.

Spellings will be tested on **Thursdays**.

In class, we will still continue to complete the Big Maths activities. The BMBT is a timed challenge, where the children solve the calculation facts as fast as they can. For the CLIC sheet challenges, the children are to complete the calculations by applying the core calculation facts that they know. If your child consistently completes the BMBT challenges in the allotted time, they will progress to the next step. If your child gets 10 out of 10 twice on their CLIC, they will move up to the next step.

PE

The children will take part in a range of physical activity sessions over the week and this half term the children in Voyagers will have the amazing opportunity to be coached by Mr Vickers, Cricket Development Officer for Northumberland Cricket Board. They will practise cricket skills and develop an understanding of the rules of the game. Children must wear the school PE kit for this on Friday mornings.

Forest Skills

Part of our recovery curriculum we will be spending a lot more time in our fabulous school grounds.

As this will be a daily occurrence it is essential that your child has a pair of outdoor shoes/wellington boots in school at all times.

On a Friday we will be having a focus on Outdoor Learning in the afternoon, so as usual, children need to wear/bring:

- Warm trousers, in line with school uniform colours (ones that can get dirty)
- Warm socks/ welly socks
- A change of footwear (walking boots or wellies)
- Layered tops - t-shirts/long sleeved tops/jumpers (we do ask children still wear their school jumper or cardigan as their top layer)

Just a reminder, in KS2 children are not provided with free fruit at snack time and given our later lunch time we strongly advise that they bring a healthy snack for the morning.

A water bottle is also required each day.

As always thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or concerns please let us know and we can arrange for an appropriate time to meet/discuss.

The Voyagers Team.