

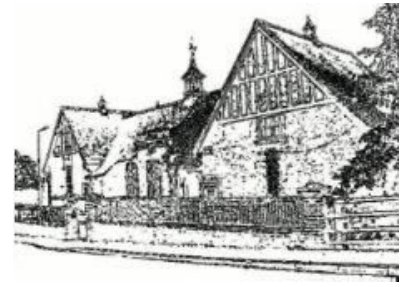
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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter with lots of rest, family-time and, of course, chocolate! Mrs Purkis and I are really proud of how well all of the children have returned to school after lockdown. We look forward to welcoming them back again and beginning our new topic 'Outside our Window'.

We will begin with the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. Over the duration of the seven week term, the children will become minibeasts hunters, exploring and following their own lines of enquiry and developing their curiosity. We look forward to spending more time in our outdoor area to explore the world around us, in every area of the EYFS Curriculum.

- Communication and language
- Physical development
 - Personal, social and emotional development
 - Literacy
- Mathematics
 - Understanding the world
 - Expressive arts and design

Children will continue to have directed maths, writing and phonic sessions daily, however, these are taking place in smaller targeted groups. When not working with an adult, children will have access to independent activities and can 'choose their learning'. Areas of the classroom are set up to allow children to pursue their own interests, whilst continuing to embed new concepts and skills that have been directly taught.

In maths we will continue to embed a secure understanding of number, with a particular focus on the numbers 10-20. Whilst meeting these numbers we will continually revisit mathematical vocabulary such as more/less and add and subtract.



Healthy School

In our literacy we will continue to learn new phonemes (sounds) to allow the children to read and write more words. All of the phase 3 flashcards (purple), alongside all of the phase 3 tricky word targets, were sent home before lockdown so continue to look through these with your child. Short sharp bursts daily is all that is needed!

Reading at home.

We want your child to continue to develop a love of reading and enjoyment of books. Your child will hear stories, share books and read regularly throughout the school week. In addition to this the children will be participating in class reading sessions where we will share, read and investigate books as a group. Reading books can be swapped at any time during the week, as long as your child has had a go at reading their book twice. The first time they may need to decode every word and read it at a slower pace and then the second they may be more fluent. This also allows your child to fully understand the book before moving on to a new one. Remember your child's reading books will only be swapped if your child's book bag has been placed in 'Trevor the Trolley'. They have chance to do this, whilst you are present, during our morning line up on the playground.

Please remember to use your child's Bug Club accounts! There are lots of fab phonics games and reading books on them. I will be adding more as the weeks go on. This is the same for their Mathletics accounts, if your child enjoys playing games on a computer or tablet device. Please check back through the 'Memos' section on Tapestry if you have misplaced your logins for these!

Other information:

Like last term, children will need to come into school in their PE kits on a Wednesday. I would just like to ask that PE kit is appropriate for the weather as we will most likely be outside.

Refreshments:

If you wish your child to have milk every day, please remember to order online. Miss Webb is able to supply further details. Milk is free for under 5s, but you must be signed up. As soon as your child turns 5, their milk will stop being delivered unless you re-register and pay. Named labelled bottles containing water are useful. We ask for water as juice, when left, can attract unwanted visitors. Fruit or vegetables are part of our daily routine and are free of charge.

Finally, I would like to thank you all again for the support you have given both myself and the children, particularly over lockdown. I am really pleased with the progress that they have continued to make, whilst learning remotely and that is down to your help and support. We are looking forward to a great term ahead. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions you may have through Tapestry and I will try and respond ASAP.

Miss Harby