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Autumn 1 Curriculum News | Year 4/5

Dear parents/carers,

I am delighted to welcome you all to a brand new year in school after what has been a challenging spring and summer. Our first week back has been nothing less than excellent. I am honoured to have a class completely full of such wonderful children. You are smart, you are enthusiastic and you are kind.

This term, I am sure you will understand as parents how important it is that we bring in new rules in light of the pandemic still continuing to be present in England. Lockdown may be mostly over, we may all be back in school, but we still have the responsibility to remain safe and hygienic.

New rules

- Adults will wear masks during pick up and drop off – these places are safely spread out across the school site and have staggered times for easier social distancing.
- Children from KS2 cannot mix with KS1 or reception children whilst at school. They will have different play times and lunch times so that they do not cross paths.
- Reading books will be changed on a Thursday and taken home over the weekend. Please bring your book back on a Tuesday so it can be quarantined before changing.
- We will eat our lunch in the classroom on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with the school dinner being a sandwich, fruit and pudding. We eat in the hall on Tuesday and Thursday, with the school dinner being a hot meal.
- Children are encouraged to bring in and use their own hand sanitiser. This is to promote more independence in the oldest two classes in the school. We have plenty of sanitiser in every classroom for those who don't have their own.
- There are no sports clubs after school, but I hope one day to bring back a STEM club!

Curriculum

- In science we are studying Earth and Space.
- In topic we are learning about the geography of Stockport.
- In maths, we are first focusing on place value, then addition and subtraction.
- In English, we are studying a warning tale called 'Kassim and the Greedy Dragon'.
- Our class novel is called 'Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth'.

Reading Books

- Children who are in the phonics program will have a targeted book to take home every Thursday. We will read with your child 2 or more times a week and assess their progress.
- All children can treat my reading corner like a free library. They are able to choose any book and borrow it for as long as they enjoy it. We keep a record of books that have gone home, so none go missing and more children can enjoy them.
- It is incredibly important that stories are being read every day at home. Adults can read to children, or even better, children can read to adults. The important part is every day.

Homework

- We will start homework once other routines in school are more settled. I want to be able to send and receive homework on Seesaw (see section below).

PE

- P.E is on a Monday and Wednesday. The children need to wear a plain white t-shirt and plain black shorts.
- They can wear their kit to school alongside parts of their uniform if they are cold. For example, shorts underneath a dress, jumper over a top, etc. This helps getting changed become quicker, easier and more hygienic.

Home learning

- If your child needs to self-isolate for any reason, 2 weeks' worth of work will be provided on Seesaw or the school website. You must let us know if you do not have access to the internet at home. In this case, we will provide you with paper copies within the next few days for you to keep safely at home.

Seesaw

- Our new and preferred way to communicate is via the Seesaw app. I am new to this technology and for once I am feeling old struggling with it! Most of you are linked up, but I still need every family to be accessing this. Please speak to me at the ends of the day to set this up! I will be stopping sending texts when we are all sorted.

If you have any questions or queries about your child's learning, please speak to me at the end of the day and I am happy to spend time with you. You can also message me on Seesaw or email me: charlotte.smailes@larkhill-pri.stockport.sch.uk

Yours,

Miss Smailes