



The Hoot

Friday 3rd July 2020

Here we are tentatively stepping into July, another month, towards a 'kind of normality', where we all feel happy and confident to step back into life as we once knew it. Being able to visit family and friends, making those connects with those we have missed, but always with an air of caution. The summer months will look and feel very different this year for all of us. Our teaching teams will be meeting from this week, strategically planning a curriculum for September that will be based on all aspects of English and maths, for the majority of the week, to revisit missed learning and rapidly close any gaps in knowledge and understanding. The afternoons will see a reduced timetable of subjects until the learning gaps have been addressed. The subjects will include PE and art to ensure they receive a balanced curriculum to meet their physical and emotional needs along side the academic ones. I will give you more information before we break up on Tuesday 21st July.

A growth mind set approach and ways to build resilience and stamina will be a key focus for us with your children. They may not have had to write for long periods of time as they do in school. There has been more screen time with learning than ever before. Physical stamina for an hour long PE lesson may need to be developed and that determination ALL day EVERY day to succeed will all need to be nurtured and supported. We will do this together, as a team. We will all need to step into September—the very best version of ourselves.

Classes of 2020-2021

I have had many calls asking about classes for September. We usually 'mix classes' to ensure children's social skills develop as they journey through the school. Staying in the same class for seven years has a huge impact once they get to secondary school and have to be in many different classes every day. This year is different, due to lockdown, they have not had enough time together as a class. On returning to school there will be enough for all children to become familiar with and step back into, so all classes will remain the same moving up into the next year group together.



Hi lovely children .. I hope you are all keeping well and happy. I would like you to chat and explore something with the grown ups in your house ... something called 'growth mind set'. Have a look at the link below on the Cbeebies web site.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things>

You will see displays in school about the message of having a growth mind set when you return to school and your teachers will be supporting you to develop it. We want you to return to school with a real determination to succeed in all the challenges you will face, we will support you to keep positive and never give up. Remember what I often say to you ...'reach for the stars, they are closer than you think.' That is what we will all be doing together, reaching, stretching and being as determined as we can to be successful, never giving up, until we have touched the stars. Missing you all.



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