

## Class 3 – Welcome back from Miss Ward

Dear Class 3 children and parents,

I am delighted that we are able to open school for all children on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and am really looking forward to having our class back together again. I have really missed every one of you over the last couple of months but am so proud of how you have all adapted how you work during this time and tried your best with the home learning we have provided. Thank you so much for all the help and guidance you will have given your children throughout this time – I know it will have been a trying time for everyone and I am really grateful for everything you have done to continue the children's education at home.

In the coming days and weeks our priority will be to ensure a smooth transition back into school and classroom learning. Emotional stability is a prerequisite to learning, so this will be our prime focus as school reopens and the children return. It is important that we focus on getting children back into a school routine, building their confidence socially and help them to re-establish their concentration, stamina and motivation. We hope to strike a balance between having high expectations for behaviour while also recognising that children may take a few weeks to readapt back into the school culture; we hope parents will support us in this and we will work closely with them to make every child's transition back to school as smooth as possible. Below is a summary of the academic focuses for the remaining 3 weeks of this term:

### **Maths**

We will be recapping the mathematics topics the children have been focusing on in their home learning (statistics, 2D shape, symmetry, angles and lines). This is to ensure that the children are confident and secure in these areas of maths before we move onto units in the summer term. Being back in school will also allow us to go into more depth with those children who already feel confident in these areas.

### **Writing**

Our focus in English will be to build back up the children's writing stamina by providing a variety of different opportunities and stimulus each week. Usually our writing curriculum take the form of a 2 week block involving lots of planning plus analysis of language and structure; we will not return to this model until later in the year. We want to motivate the children to write for many different purposes to inspire them to 'get back into' their writing and re-establish their sense of pride in their presentation.

### **Reading**

Every child will spend time reading to an adult in school at least once a week; priority will be given to those children who need more support with their reading. Children will spend time reading on a daily basis, either using their own reading books or reading our class text (Charlotte's Web) together. We will also continue our weekly comprehension activities in order to improve the children's inference and retrieval skills.

### **Foundation Subjects**

During the first week back we will be focusing on Art including watercolour painting and sketching. The final two weeks of the spring term will be History focused. PE will be on Tuesdays and Fridays – children should come to school in their PE kits as they did in the Autumn term.

### **Communication**

We appreciate that communication has to take different forms as we ensure we do all we can to keep everyone safe. Throughout this period of school closure parents have contacted me directly via DBPrimary. From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, if you have any questions or information you think it would be helpful for me to know then please email [office@ffspschools.co.uk](mailto:office@ffspschools.co.uk) and your message will be passed on to me. If any message are sent via DBPrimary I am unlikely to pick these up as I will no longer be using the platform on a regular basis. We will continue to make use of aspects of DBPrimary in school and, where appropriate, for some extra home learning to support the children with their learning.

### **Parent Consultations**

Parent consultations will take place remotely in weeks beginning 26<sup>th</sup> April (exact dates to be confirmed). This will be an opportunity for me to discuss with you how your child has settled back into school and by this point in time, I will be able to share with you the areas both academically, socially and emotionally in which we can work together to help your child develop. Further information will be sent later this term about how to book an appointment.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday and hope you are looking forward to returning to school too.

Your Sincerely,

Miss Ward

## Welcome back from Mr Griffiths

I am delighted that we will be welcoming children back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

As a team we have planned carefully for the weeks ahead. The emotional wellbeing of our children is at the forefront of our thinking as is supporting their return to school based academic learning. We are proud to have worked together with families for the benefit of all children during this latest lockdown and will continue to do so as children return.

Staff will be visible at the start and end of the day welcoming the children, instigating handwashing and safe entry to school and handover to parents at the end of the day. These are busy times where it is only right the children's needs are prioritised. Please do not be offended that it is not possible to have discussions with parents at these times. If you need to pass a message to the class teacher please email [office@ffpschools.co.uk](mailto:office@ffpschools.co.uk)

## Key Dates for rest of this year

**School reopens:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter Holidays:** School closes on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 3.20pm

**Staff Training Day:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Staff Training Day:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Summer Term Begins:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Parent Consultations:** During week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> April