



Welcome Back!

Curriculum Update - March 2021



Welcome back to school! We are very excited for all children to return to school from Monday 8th March. We would like to reassure all parents that we are continuing to update our curriculum in order to support and challenge your child, taking in to account the individual experiences of home learning for each child. While supporting your child's wellbeing and mental health on their return to school, we will hit the ground running in terms of teaching the key skills the children need to know, offer challenges and new opportunities, and keep our broad, balanced and aspirational curriculum in place.

	The first two weeks back Week Beginning 8 th Mar and 15 th Mar	To Easter Week Beginning 22 nd Mar and 29 th Mar	Summer 2021 From Monday 19 th April	From September 2021
What will the curriculum be like in the classroom for your child?	We will focus on PSHE : well-being, belonging, routines and relationships. There will also be Topic lessons (e.g. art, science) to promote creativity. There will be a focus English reading skills and maths skills (tables and number bonds).	There will be a return to more routine English and maths lessons , supported by Topic lessons and an extra PE lesson each week. There will be continued time allocated to promote well-being, belonging and kind relationships.	The usual topics will be taught for your child and shared via the Curriculum Bulletins . The subjects will have a few changes to help your child to catch up on where topics have been changed due to home learning.	As at the start of any school year, there will be a focus on PSHE, developing relationships, belonging and school routines . We will then begin teaching a more structured curriculum, focusing on English, maths and Topic .
What changes will there be?	There will be increased time for play and group activities , which will help children to build their social and communication skills. There will be a third PE lesson, alongside the Daily Mile until Easter to promote fitness. Days of the additional PE lesson to follow.	Homework will start again, initially with spelling, reading and number skills via Seesaw or Tapestry (Year R). Each class teacher will continue to monitor both their class' learning and emotional wellbeing, adapting the timetable as needed. We will teach using the outside spaces more, where possible.	We will continue to review and act on the current Government Guidance for schools and update our Risk Assessment. There will be a telephone-based parents' evening - details will be confirmed soon. School trips are still unable to take place with current guidance.	The curriculum subjects will be adapted for your child to include skills that have been missed due to home learning. We will continue to review and act on the current Government Guidance and update our Risk Assessment accordingly.
How are we planning for the future?	We will be supporting the children in reintegrating them back to school so that it is successful for everyone. We will be assessing children's learning for topics to come.	From their assessments, class teachers will be adapting the year group's curriculum to help all of the children to keep learning well, regardless of your child's learning experiences since Christmas. There will be additional support using the Covid-19 Catch-Up Premium organised by your child's class teacher, where needed.	Children will be supported in the transition process to a new year group. Subject leaders are evaluating every child's learning, making changes to the curriculum when needed, which may be carried over to the next year.	Your child's new class teacher will have had a full handover from their previous teacher. Your child's previous teachers and subject leaders will set out what skills and knowledge have been missed for each cohort. These will be strategically planned in so no-one misses out.

Key Dates: **First week:** Friday 12th March - World Book Day [NOT an INSET day - moved to Friday 23rd July] **Second week:** Friday 19th March - Red Nose Day