HIGHWEEK Primary School

September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Highweek. These have been truly unprecedented times. All of the staff at school have missed the children greatly and are looking forward to beginning the new school year. As you are aware, school is a little bit different in these current times and we are mindful of the fact that many children will not have been able to access school since March. Some of you may be excited to return whilst others of you may feel anxious or worried. Therefore, our focus for this term will be settling the children in and getting used to the routines once more. We shall be following a recovery curriculum that will support in all areas including wellbeing, forming relationships, building a sense of community as well as the core curriculum which is responsive to the individual needs of our children.

Our **main text** this term will be "Here We Are" written by Oliver Jeffers: a beautifully illustrated and light-hearted guide to our planet. We want to encourage a sense of community across the entire school, to reflect on the last few months, and to also look forward to the future in a positive way.

In **Maths** this term, we will focus on mental calculations and reasoning with a strong emphasis on rebuilding pupil confidence. Please encourage your child to learn their times tables and use their mental maths skills on a regular basis.

In **Accelerated Reader**, children will continue to have time in school for individual reading and reading as a whole class. Children will be able to bring in their own reading books from home or choose a book from school, but at present will not be taking school books home. Your child will be able to quiz at school but our main focus will be reading for pleasure.

In the afternoons, we will be delivering an evolving curriculum that takes into account the changing needs of the children ensuring curriculum coverage.

PE will happen throughout the week for different classes at various times. The children will not be changing, so a **PE kit will not be necessary** however could please ensure that your child has a **spare pair of trainers** in their bag.

Through our work with **Challenging Learning and Growth Mindset**, Highweek have now developed a love of learning and a resilience essential for great achievement. It is essential that we continue to build upon these skills so that children continue to move forward and reconnect with learning.

Preview learning work will continue to be given out in the following weeks. We aim to make it a task which will give your child an advantage during the following week's learning in the classroom. Please support your child with the tasks that they bring home.

We are all eager to help you and your child in returning to school. If you need to speak to me, you can contact me on my email address. **ehopkins@highweekprimary.co.uk**

Thank you for your cooperation.

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