# Welcome to Tamar Class with Miss Carter and Mrs Lumm



#### Teaching Assistants

Our teaching assistants across the classes this year are ...

Mrs Billing

Mrs Parnell

Mrs Lumm

Our sports coaches/ cover teachers across the classes this year are...

Mrs Rainbow Mr Amery Mr Wallis Mr Bassett

#### Start and end of the school day

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Be on the playground before 8:50 when the bell rings

Please let your child line up by themselves in the sports court area

#### End of the day

Everyone to stand behind the goodbye line to wait for classes to come out. Children will be released to waiting adults.

When the class has cleared we will be happy to speak to you about any issues that have arisen.

- Access to Reception is via the main door only.
- Could all money go in named envelopes please unless paying by Parentmail.
- Our class assembly this term will be on

Accelerated Reader(AR) is an intervention which really targets and boosts the children's reading levels in an exciting way. Children are encouraged to self assess their reading. Please encourage your child to bring their AR books home each night to read. The more books they read, the more quizzes they can access, and the more points they can score. Renaissance Home connect enables you to be kept up to date on when your child guizzes and how well they do.



#### READING



Your child will have an opportunity to change their AR reading book each day. All AR books are stored in our Library.

Your child's reading is assessed termly through a Star Test in AR. This will determine your child's level.

Your child will read in small groups each week, with the class teacher. We call these our Guided Reading groups.



#### READING



#### Handy Tips for Reading at Home

- Schedule a regular time for reading perhaps when you get home from school or just before bed.
- Reading often helps your child to develop fluency and stamina
- ➤ To help develop your child's comprehension, ask your child questions such as, "What do you think will happen next?"
- Encourage your child to retell the story to check their understanding..
- ➤ Please challenge your child about new words-we are working hard to develop your child's vocabulary.

### RITING

Presentation and handwriting is an important focus for us. The content of our writing is closely linked to our super skills grammar and punctuation work.

Encourage your child to write at home- this could be in keeping a diary or writing about events that may have happened. Free writing is also a positive way of encouraging writing for pleasure.

#### **MATHS**

Please encourage your child to learn their times tables. Being able to quickly recall the times tables, puts your child at an advantage when problem solving in class.



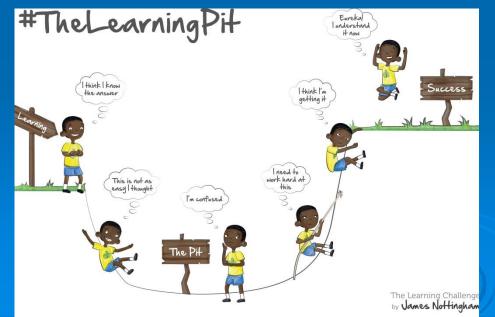
#### Maths

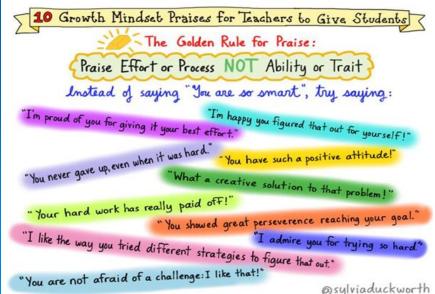
- Our focus this year in maths is problem solving and reasoning. We will be encouraging the children to talk about how they worked through a problem.
- Being able to tell the time is vital as well as working out how long something lasts.
   e.g. If it is 7.30pm what time will it be if you watch a 1hr 45min film?

#### **Growth Mindset**

We are continuing our work around Growth Mindset, encouraging children to become better learners by taking risks, embracing challenge, and learning from their 'marvellous mistakes' We are deepening our children's understanding of what makes a good learner by immersing them into the language of learning and the attitudes, skills and knowledge they will need to make progress not just in the classroom but outside activities too.

Linked to Growth Mindset is our weekly dialogue sessions and P4C – Philosophy for Children. This is a weekly subject that improves children's reasoning and language skills. It encourages children to form their own questions and to challenge their own and other children's thinking.







#### Preview



The preview task will continue to be given out on a Friday to give you and your child time to research together. This work will give your children an advantage within class.

A reading champion may be chosen within the class, and their task is to share with the class what they are reading. This could be anything: a poem, a comic, a story etc.



#### Rewards

The whole school collects Green Points for their House Teams. Each week in Assembly, the scores are read aloud and published in the newsletter.

Your child can also receive Wow Moments for their learning. The focus for receiving Wows are the 4Ps. Pride, Presentation, Progress & Perseverance.

Each week in Assembly, 2 children from each class are awarded a Friday Flyer for showing commitment to the school Growth Mindset focus that week. These are: embrace challenge, persist in the face of setbacks, see effort as the path to mastery, learn from feedback, find lessons & inspiration in the success of others, and able to examine mistakes. If your child is chosen to receive an award, you will be invited to join us that morning to share in the celebration of their achievements.

#### Attendance

#### Every day counts!

#### School Target for 2019 -20 is 96.2%

Lateness and absence will significantly reduce your child's progress and achievement at School.

You can help good attendance and punctuality by

- ensuring they come to school in good time for the start of school.
- Only have time off when they are too ill to attend.
- Do not have time off for holidays or other events during term time
- We will be awarding Punctuality Pup and Attendance Ted monthly. We will also be awarding certificates each term when children have "beaten their best".

#### THINGS TO REMEMBER

Tuesday – Come Read With Me Wednesday –Walk on Wednesday Friday – Friday celebration assembly (if contacted)

You will find all the information from today's talk and more on our school website, facebook and twitter account. -@highweek\_sch

If there are any concerns or queries please feel free to pop in and see us or arrange an appointment after school.

Thank you

Swimming will take place this term, commencing on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

The voluntary contribution is £1.00, which can be paid by parent mail.

## Torbay and Devon Civic Award

This is a scheme which was introduced to us last year. It is rather like a Duke of Edinburgh award for primary children. Your child work towards this award through the course of the school year. Letters will be going home very shortly explaining how it will work.