



Kea Community Primary School

8th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. We are writing to welcome you and your child to Year Three and the start of the next stage in their school journey as they enter the world of Key Stage 2.

Our topic, as many of you already know, is *Tudors and Stuarts* and already the children are showing how keen and interested they are through the questions they are asking and their enthusiasm. We are very much looking forward to answering some of these as the term progresses. With current safety regulations in place, we are unable to invite you to look at these in the classroom, but we will put pictures of the children's displays on our class page on the website.

As we start this strange, new school year, our primary concern will be for the children's safety and well-being as they adjust to life back in the classroom following such a long break. Please rest assured that time will be taken to allow the children to talk and to express their feelings.

Our key objective in the early part of the year is to encourage independence in the children. We will talk a lot about taking responsibility for your own learning and how to develop a growth mindset. Of course we will support the children as they get to grips with new routines and expectations and of course, (and this is the big one) the lack of scheduled afternoon playtime!

There is, however, a lot for them to look forward to such as a trip to Pendennis Castle to investigate Tudor defences, provided that we are able to arrange this visit with Covid guidance. There will also be a handling session using artefacts kindly loaned by the Royal Cornwall Museum so the children can get up close to things that are 500 years old, and to hear their stories.

We are providing a copy of the half term plan which will give information on what is to be covered in each subject over the next six weeks. You will also be able to see from the homework sent home what we are covering, as this will provide the children with valuable practice which you can help them with at home.

Some children find homework a difficult habit to get into, so please come in and see me if it causes any issues and we can work on a plan together. Homework is set on a Friday and needs to be in by the following Wednesday, although we are very happy to have it in as soon as it is done. You will find instructions for the homework on the Home Learning page



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on the website, and any physical resources the children need will be printed out at school and stuck in their homework exercise book.

If your child is experiencing any problems with the homework, please get in contact so that we can help them in school.

Here are some useful reminders:

- Tuesday – PE Children will need a pair of suitable shoes for PE. We will not be changing clothes, but children will change their shoes before and after the lesson. We recommend that girls wear black/grey joggers, trousers or leggings on PE days. PE shoes can be kept in school.
- Wednesday – homework needs to be in.
- Friday– PE
- Children will need to bring a water bottle, snack, reading book and reading record every day. Daily snacks should be a piece of fruit/veg (eg an apple or carrot batons) a plain biscuit (eg rich tea or cracker) or a piece of unprocessed cheese. Children are allowed to bring a treat such as a bag of crisps or a sweet biscuit.

We are both looking forward to working with you and your children.
Thank you for your support,

Brendan Carey and Clare Green