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Dear Parents/ Carers,

**Hares' Autumn Term Curriculum 2020**

Firstly, a huge thank you for all your support through these most unprecedented and challenging times. As we plan a beginning like no other we have seen in the past, we are excited to welcome you back to the new academic year here at Bow! We will be doing our upmost to help all pupils transition back in to school life smoothly and with minimal stress and worry.

Mrs Williamson and Miss Salmon will be sharing Hares class again his year, with Mrs Williamson teaching on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, and Miss Salmon teaching on Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and Fridays. Hares will receive support from our wonderful Teaching Assistants, Mrs Brine, Mrs Hulland, Miss Loader and Mrs Welsh – not all at the same time! We also welcome our newest Teaching Assistant, Mrs Seymour to Hares and to Bow CP School.

Curriculum


Whilst our main focus in the first couple of weeks will be to support the pupils with coming back into school after such a long time away from the classroom, our expectation will be that they will continue to receive a broad and balanced curriculum. We will be spending time over the first few weeks working out where the children are and how they are getting along in their learning. We can then tailor individual and group intervention sessions with TAs to help plug any gaps the pupils may have in their learning.

Our autumn term topic for the whole school is based around the theme of 'Change'. Hares will be focusing on 'Change in the woodland' and will study Enid Blyton's 'The Enchanted Wood.' In the first couple of weeks, we will be studying the poem 'Rain Before Rainbows' by Smriti Halls – this will help the pupils deal with the emotions they may be feeling associated with returning to school.

English

In English, whilst we will be teaching all aspects of the subject, we will be focusing on handwriting and spelling. Once settled, we will send spellings home for pupils to practise. We would appreciate your support with helping your child to learn these words ready for a weekly test. 😊

Reading

 In KS2, most pupils will be reading books from our Accelerated Reader scheme, which allows us to match them with books that are appropriate to their reading ability and to closely monitor their progress. This means that pupils shouldn't be reading books that are too easy, or too hard for their ability. However, some pupils in lower key stage 2, may not be ready to access these books, so will choose books from our coloured book band schemes. Rest assured, that we continuously monitor pupils' reading ability and will move pupils when they are ready – this is not based solely on how well they can read the words, they must have an **understanding** of what is being read too.

Times Tables

The national curriculum specifies that pupils should be taught to recall the multiplication tables up to and including 12 × 12 by the end of year 4. See the table for the national curriculum requirements for each year group:



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Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
To recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables	To recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables	To recall the multiplication tables up to and including $12 \times 12$ (including the related division facts)

Pupils have an individual log in for TTrackstars ([ttrackstars.com](http://ttrackstars.com)) – this site gives children the opportunity to master and practise the vital skill of quick multiplication and division.

Sex & Relationship Education (SRE)

In the second half of the autumn term, we will be delivering two SRE sessions to the class (Differences: male and Female; Growing & Changing), Should you have any questions about the content of these session, please contact us at school.

P.E.



A separate letter has been sent out about PE so that you are aware what measures we have put in place to enable us to deliver this subject safely. As before, pupils will not be excused from P.E. lessons unless there is a written medical reason explaining why they cannot join in. Each Monday afternoon, the children's P.E. session will be delivered by our fully qualified sports coach, Mr Evans. P.E. will also take place on Wednesday afternoons with Miss Salmon; this ensures that the pupils receive two hours of P.E. each week. **Pupils can come to school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE.**

E-safety

In the first couple of weeks, we will be talking to the pupils about online safety. The internet is great for learning, sharing, connecting and creating, but we need to ensure that the pupils know how to use the internet safely and understand the dangers that exist online; whether they are using apps, gaming or mobile phones.

Routines

As explained in the letter sent out by Mrs Hodgson, a number of measures have been put in place to ensure that our pupils and staff are safe at school. Pupils will remain in their 'bubbles' (classes) throughout the school day, including at break times and lunch times and classrooms will be well-ventilated. This may mean that the children (and teachers) will need to wear plenty of layers in the winter months! Hand washing and good hygiene will be vital, and this will be explained to the pupils during the first few days of term. (Hand washing video: [https://e-bug.eu/junior\\_pack\\_ks1.aspx?cc=eng&ss=2&t=Horrid%20Hands](https://e-bug.eu/junior_pack_ks1.aspx?cc=eng&ss=2&t=Horrid%20Hands)). We will also have to limit the amount of pupils visiting the toilet at any one time to ensure that social distancing is adhered to. We would appreciate it if you could reiterate these routines with your child to help them to understand the new protective measure that we have had to put in place.

If you have any questions about the curriculum content, or if there is anything you wish to discuss, please don't hesitate to email us at [hares@bowcps.devon.sch.uk](mailto:hares@bowcps.devon.sch.uk) (We may not be able to reply immediately due to teaching commitments)

Kind regards,

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Gemma Salmon & Linda Williamson - Hares' Class Teachers

