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Teacher: Miss Foster

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14th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a happy and safe summer. It is so wonderful to have the children back after a very strange few months. We have missed them all very much! The children have settled in incredibly well to their new routines and have loved spending time with their friends.

Curriculum Information

We have kicked off this term with a week of getting to know each other activities where we have spent time familiarising ourselves with our environment and routines. We will then begin our 'Explorers' learning journey, which will offer many exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum. Please see the attached 'curriculum map' which gives more information about how this topic will link with other subject areas.

Key Skills to Support at Home

Yellow reading records have been sent home in your child's book bag. These are for you to make notes of every individual reading opportunity that occurs out of school. You should aim to hear your child read at least five times per week to support their growing fluency and comprehension. Children will be required to bring their reading record into school in their book bag every day. To promote independence, at the start of the day, children will be encouraged to get their own reading records out and place them on the table. The Ruby class team will check the reading records daily and acknowledge each reading session that has been recorded. As required, staff will also change children's books or support them to choose one themselves. Children who successfully record five reads in a week will be rewarded with a raffle ticket. At the end of each term, two raffle tickets will be drawn per class and each child with a winning ticket will receive a book-related prize!

Requests and Reminders

Children must not bring their PE kits into school at this time. We will still be engaging in weekly PE sessions but these will be completed in school uniform.

Homework

In Ruby class, all home learning can be accessed using our e-Schools learning platform. Home learning will be set on Monday to be completed by the following Monday. This will consist of a maths activity and a personalised spelling list. Spelling quizzes will occur on Monday mornings. Certificates will be given to those who have tried their best to practise their spellings and maths at home.

Show and tell

'Show and tell' will happen on Friday afternoons. Due to the current situation, this must be sent in as a photograph or video of the chosen items rather than the 'real' items. A timetable of when your child's show and tell will occur will be sent home with this letter. In Ruby class, all of our show and tell items must be about our current topic. We especially like to see home-made items inspired by our in-class learning.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns about anything at all please contact me. Although I will not be available at pick up and drop off as before, I can be contacted via our new class email address; ruby@alfriston.e-sussex.sch.uk. I will check these e-mails after school every day. If there is an urgent matter, please phone the school office to leave a message for me there.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Foster

Alfriston School: Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!