

18th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic first couple of weeks with your children in Earth Class and would like to thank you for your understanding and support in this strangely challenging time. Your children have been incredible and have all settled into the routines of their new class. It has been lovely seeing them getting to know each other and we have already noticed some new friendships beginning to blossom. We are both very much looking forward to teaching your children and getting to know them more over the coming weeks.

This week we have introduced a more structured timetable, which includes Phonics, English, Maths, Topic etc. Our class newsletter which outlines the children's learning for this half term is available for you to view on the School website.

Please find below some general information about Earth Class and our day to day routines.

Earth Class Staff

As you may know we are a job share team. Mrs Slater will be in class from Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Skelton from Wednesday to Friday. Miss Bingley who is an experienced Teaching Assistant, will be working with the children every day in Earth Class. Mrs Hey is an equally experienced higher-level teaching assistant, who will be teaching the class on Wednesday mornings when we have our planning and assessment time. She will also be supporting us in Earth class on Monday mornings.

Uniform

Could you please make sure that all items of uniform and personal possessions (including water bottles) are clearly labelled with your child's name. This will enable us to make sure that any lost clothing or items are returned to the owners as quickly as possible. Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day.

Playtime

As we need to stay within our 'class bubble' at playtimes, we will be making use of the field as well as the playground. Could you please ensure that your child has a pair of named wellies in school so that we can still use the field even when the grass is wet?

Homework

We will be sending out homework and spellings nearer to half term. You will receive a letter containing further details shortly beforehand.

P.E.

Starting next week, Earth class will have P.E every Tuesday outside. Please ensure your child comes into school on Tuesdays wearing their P.E. kit. The school kit consists of a white t-shirt and red shorts, with the option of a dark hooded top and legging/jogging bottoms for cooler weather. These items should be as plain as possible, without logos (other than the Kirk Fenton logo) and clearly labelled with your child's name, Trainers can be any colour. Our P.E. day will change to the end of the week after half term so that we both have the opportunity to teach P.E.. We will let you know about this nearer the time.

Behaviour

In Earth Class we follow the whole school policy which is to use a daily chart to encourage and celebrate positive behaviour and attitude to learning. At the end of each day, we talk about the good behaviour of children who have moved up the chart. Children receive a sticker for moving to 'fantastic thumbs up' and a certificate is awarded to those children who have gone 'above and beyond' and moved up to 'let's celebrate' on the chart.

The school also has a team point system. There are four teams and each child in the school is in one of the teams. The children can earn team points for a number of reasons: good behaviour, being kind and helpful, working hard etc. Each class's team points are added together at the end of each week and the winning team wins the trophy for that week. We celebrate the team winners during our Good Work Assembly on Friday afternoons.

Good Work Assemblies

Every Friday the children take part in an online whole school assembly which celebrates those children who have worked especially hard or made good progress in their learning. Every week 2 children are chosen from each class to receive a certificate in recognition of their efforts and achievements.

Reading Books

Reading books will be changed every Wednesday so please ensure that your child brings their book bag to school on that day. The children will not need to bring their book bags on the other days. Each week, your child will take home a Big Cat book at their reading level, a phonics book and a book from our library for them to share with you at bedtime. Please return all three books each Wednesday so that your child can have new ones each week. Books will only be changed on a Wednesday so if their books are not returned, unfortunately they will not be able to take home any new ones until the following week.



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Marvellous Me

Most parents are able to access Marvellous Me. If you are unsure how to do this please ask one of us. Marvellous Me is our way of communicating with parents on a daily basis. It enables us to send messages, reminders and give feedback on your children's progress and achievements.

Getting in Contact

At the moment it is difficult to have a conversation with us either before or after school about your child. If you do have any questions or concerns that you would like to speak to us about, please send an email to the school office and one of us will ring you back if you need to speak to us directly.

We have had a lovely first couple of weeks back in school with the children and we look forward to sharing in their learning journey over the coming year.

Best Wishes

Mrs Slater & Mrs Skelton

