



Dear Parents and Carers

I cannot believe we are now in the month of July! So much has happened over the last 12 weeks, more than that at any time in my career. I hope you have all been able to keep safe and well.

Our priority over the last few weeks, has been to get as many children back to school as quickly and as safely as possible, and we now have over 240 children back in school. I wish we could have had more children back in school but we have used up all teaching spaces. For those of you still with children learning at home, I really hope you have been able to do this with our support. I know it must have been difficult for you.

I am excited that we have been able to arrange for all children who have not been able to return, to attend one of our back to school experience days, and I am really looking forward to seeing them all over the next two weeks. These will be fun days and they will also be able to meet their new teacher.

Finally, as you have probably heard from the latest guidance, all children will be returning in September, so I will be writing to you all again in the next few days with more information on this.

Dr Allen
Headteacher

Summer Family Activities

Parents—please follow this link to access virtual activities as well as find out details of other family activities happening within the local community during the summer holidays.

<https://www.facebook.com/blackpoolsummeroffun/>

Nursery

We have been delighted to have so many children return to Nursery and it has been a very busy couple of weeks for us. The children have settled back quickly and easily and this has been super to see. Can we also thank all those people still at home who are sending pictures of what their children have been doing. We really like keeping in touch with you all. We have been very busy learning all about mini beasts. We have made spiders and ladybirds, painted worms and hunted for bugs! We have enjoyed listening to lots of stories including 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird' and 'Superworm'. The children continue to work hard on practising writing their names, learning their letter sounds, counting, adding and much more besides! The lovely weather has helped meaning we are enjoying being outside too. The children have adapted very well to the changes that we have made. We are looking forward to a busy, fun filled last few weeks of this academic year. A huge thank you to all the parents for everything you are doing during these times.



Reception

We are loving having some of the children back in school. We have missed you all greatly and it has been great for everyone to see each other again and settle back into school routines, even if they are a little bit different right now! Our new topic is What a Wonderful World and the children have enjoyed reading about the adventures of The Snail and Whale and learning all about Africa with Handa's Surprise. We are excited to learn about plants too with the help of Jasper's Beanstalk and it would be great if you could make observations when you're out and about in our local environment. Thank you to all the children who are still working very hard at home. We love seeing all your work on Tapestry so please continue to share as much as possible with us - remember you can still earn yourself gold stars! Take care everyone and keep up the great work 😊

Year One

What a wonderful three weeks we have had in school so far! It has been great to welcome so many Year 1 children back to school into our new bubbles - all with happy smiles on their faces.

Our topic in Year 1 is 'Under the Sea' and all of our learning has been based around this theme. We have been learning through some beautiful stories, such as 'Tiddler', 'Sharing a Shell' and 'The Singing Mermaid' and we have created lots of wonderful writing that we are very proud of. In Science, we have learnt about the life-cycle of a turtle, we've explored habitats and learnt how different sea-creatures are suited to the ocean habitat and this week, we have learnt about what makes things float or sink in water. We have learnt about the different oceans around the world and the different layers of the ocean. We have also produced some wonderful artwork using different skills and we are looking forward to more stories and finding out what else is to come as we continue our topic of 'Under the Sea'.



Year 2

We have really enjoyed making our 2K 'bubble'. The children have worked so hard in the last few weeks and have produced some fantastic pieces of writing, focused on the book 'Meerkat Mail'. We are also working to become experts at telling the time. We have made our own clocks and are practising every day. The competition is on in our daily 'arithmetic bingo' and each afternoon we read a chapter of our class novel. At the moment it is 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl. In Geography we have been painting the African savannah and have made our own African animals. Over the next few weeks we are going to learn more about some of the countries in Africa, as well as trying some fabric painting and learning about African music.

Each day the children are reading and quizzing, practising their spellings and times tables, and working on their handwriting. I can see lots of progress already - they should be very proud of all the work they have done so far!

Year 4

Year 4 have really faced up to the challenge this month. They have completed all tasks set and have worked even harder to earn stars ☆

All of the Year 4 staff are so impressed with their efforts! Over the last few weeks, they have created lava lamps, communicated through cups and even created their own Hiit workouts! All children have also been working hard to achieve their maths and English targets too.

Thank you for all of your continued support and brilliant efforts! Miss Talbot, Miss Barlow and Ms Kearns.



Year 3

What can I say? What an extraordinary past few months we have had and its a credit to you all how well your children have adapted and coped with everything that has been going on around them. We are now in our own little 3K bubble and the children are now settling back in to the main routine of school life and lessons. To try and bring a sense of normality, we are doing a full school learning day. This means every morning we are doing our reading, spelling shed, times table, English, maths and RE. Then in the afternoon we have been doing science, history/geography, art, ICT as well as French and music.

In English we have written a newspaper report and diary based around the story Fantastic Mr Fox and are now moving on to work based around the book 'The Bog Baby'. In maths we have been doing a lot of fraction work for the first few weeks, but now we are going over what we have already learnt in school, to keep our maths skills fresh. In RE we have been looking at our families and what they mean to us especially in these unprecedented times. In science we are learning about sound, how we hear, how it travels and how different pitch and amplification is created. They have loved making straw music pipes, hopefully they weren't too loud when they brought them home. My plan is to keep the routine for school as best as I can for your children for the rest of the term, while keeping them safe, but letting them have as much fun as I can. I hope you are all keeping safe and well. Mr Horton



Also, our Year 3 home learners have created some lovely Lowry inspired pictures recently.

Year 5

We feel extremely lucky to have been able to welcome Year 5 back to school this week! This means that over the next few weeks, before the holidays, we will be able to support them with their Maths and English in preparation for the next academic year. It was wonderful to see so many children excited to be back at school and happy to share their experiences of 'lockdown'. We certainly have a creative and talented bunch of children as they shared their skills ranging from D.I.Y to baking and painting to cycling. They have been busy in so many different ways. We have recently introduced the use of 'Classroom Teams' for our Year 5 children and they are becoming more familiar with this and we are seeing some excellent evidence of learning taking place. We are going to continue using this programme next year so Year 5 will be our little experts.

Year 6

It's been wonderful to welcome many of our Year 6 children back into school over the past three weeks. We have been enjoying being back in our classrooms and engaging with our learning. In Literacy we are currently reading Michael Morpurgo's excellent novel 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. We have also been revising key Science units including Forces, Changing and separating materials and Electricity. We have conducted a range of experiments which all the children have loved getting stuck into. In our Art work we have been focusing on Japan and have created some beautifully decorated pebbles. Currently, we are designing and creating our own Japanese fans (perfect for the current hot temperatures). All the Year 6 team have been so impressed with the brilliant attitude and effort in our learning since returning to school. We are looking forward to continuing our learning during the final three weeks of term.

Mrs Bennett, Miss O'Keefe, Mr Hitchon, Miss Wills and Mr Lord.