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Be kind, be curious, be you!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer filled with lots of fun, adventures and special memories. I cannot wait and hear all about what you have been up to over the summer.

My name is Mrs Harrild, and I am delighted to be your teacher in Donaldson Class this year!

We have lots of exciting learning, fun activities and new adventures planned for the year ahead. We will work together, learn new things, make new memories and, most importantly, have lots of fun along the way!

Topic – Muck, Mess and Mixtures

Get ready to get messy! In this exciting project, the children will explore the wonderful world of muck, mess and mixtures through lots of hands-on experiences. They will investigate different materials and textures, experimenting with paint, dough, liquids, jelly, clay and messy foods. Alongside their practical exploration, the children will develop their vocabulary by using interesting words to describe how things look, feel, move and change. To bring the project to life, the children will work creatively with paint and other materials to design and create their very own messy art gallery, thinking about how to display their artwork and how it might make visitors feel. It's going to be a wonderfully creative (and slightly messy!) learning adventure!

Literacy

In Literacy this term, the children will continue to build on their phonics knowledge, using what they've learned to become more confident and independent readers. They will be practising how to blend sounds to read new words and applying this knowledge in their writing as well. We will also focus on reading comprehension, encouraging children to talk about what they read, make predictions, and answer questions to show their understanding of different texts. In writing, we will be developing sentence structure, helping children to write clear and complete sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Science

In this topic, the children will be learning all about our bodies and how to stay healthy. They will explore the basic things humans need to survive and stay well, including healthy food and nutrition, regular exercise, sleep, cleanliness and good hygiene. We will also learn about how humans grow and change throughout their lives, from babies and toddlers through to childhood, adulthood and old age. The children will have lots of opportunities to talk about their own experiences, explore healthy lifestyle choices and develop an understanding of how our bodies change as we grow.

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Art

In this exciting topic, the children will become colour experts as they explore the wonderful world of colour! They will learn about the primary and secondary colours and discover how new colours can be created by mixing them together. We will explore the colour wheel and investigate how artists use different colours, shades and combinations to create feelings, effects and eye-catching artwork. Through lots of practical experiments, painting and creative activities, the children will develop their understanding of colour while having fun creating their own colourful masterpieces.

RE

In RE, the children will be learning about Judaism and the Torah, a special and sacred text for Jewish people. They will discover some of the stories, rules and teachings found in the Torah, including stories about Creation, Abraham and Moses. They will also learn about the Ten Commandments and explore how the Torah helps some Jewish people understand their history and make choices about how to live their lives. Along the way, children will have opportunities to ask questions, share their ideas and learn about how the Torah is valued and used by Jewish people today.

PE

PE will take place on Tuesdays with Mr. Andrews.

Outdoor Learning

This term we will be taking part in outdoor learning sessions every **Thursday** afternoon. These sessions will take place either in the school garden, or at the Leaffield Millennium Woods. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing clothing suitable for the outdoors on this day (long sleeves and trousers **must** be worn for the sessions, to prevent bites/stings or scrapes that may occur outdoors) and bring appropriate waterproofs, wellies, etc in a named rucksack or bag. As the weather starts to get colder, please also ensure your child is wearing warm clothing and that they have a hat, gloves and scarf (please make sure that these are named). We are really excited to get stuck into our outdoor activities.

Homework

Homework will be set on Fridays and is due the following Wednesday.

Regular reading is encouraged and reading books will be changed on a Thursday. If you have mislaid your reading diary, please let us know and we can replace it.

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Numbots

The children will be given a Numbots login to use at home. Numbots is a fun and engaging way for children to practise their number skills and build confidence with maths. We would encourage children to aim for around 10 minutes of Numbots practice each week. Little and often is a great way to help develop their fluency and recall of key number facts!

Keeping in touch

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me via the school office or catch me for a quick chat at drop-off or pick-up time.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year together!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Harrild

Donaldson Class Teacher