

Aslan Class Newsletter

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Welcome Back! It's great to be finally back at Culverstone following an unprecedented few months. Our focus over the next few weeks is to get the children back into the routines of school; identify and close the key gaps in their learning; and take care of their physical and mental wellbeing.

Please contact the school office initially if you have any questions as sadly we are not able to discuss face to face at the end of the day at the present time. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

PE & SPORT: Exercise and Physical Wellbeing have become more important than ever before. We aim to have daily exercise sessions in the autumn term - either 'running a mile' or a 'Joe Wicks - style' work out. Year 5 have their PE lesson on Wednesday afternoon, and children should come to school in their PE kits on this day. Plain dark track suits or the usual school jumper or fleece can be worn over the PE kit as we move into more autumnal weather conditions.

SCIENCE: Our Science learning will be based around the Properties and Changes of Materials.

HISTORY: Our enquiry based Mayans topic will look at answering several questions about how the Mayans of Central America lived centuries ago and compare this to how they live today.

ART: Children will sketch using pencils and chalk.

COMPUTING: Online Safety and Video Blogging are the areas we will focusing on this term.

ENGLISH

Our class text for the first term is 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and we will be completing some writing activities based around this text. Initially, the children will be focusing on their basic writing skills - punctuation, handwriting, sentence structure - and will be using these in describing story settings.

We hope to write fictional diaries, and short scary stories in time for Hallowe'en.

We use the Read, Write, Inc. Spelling scheme, and once we have completed the Y4 units left over from the spring and summer terms, we will focus on the Y5 National Curriculum spellings.

READING

We will continue with our bespoke Reading lessons, where the children will work on improving their fluency, vocabulary, and retrieval skills. The children will build on these to help them to analyse and discuss texts, and answer comprehension questions.

Your child has already been issued with a banded-book, which will be sent home daily for their home reading. This book is also required for our 'Drop Everything and Read' sessions, so please ensure your child brings this into school each day.

Many thanks!

MATHS

As part of our 'Recovery Curriculum' the children will be recapping prior learning in the topics below, before moving onto the requirements for Year 5.

Using the Maths - No Problem! scheme and Singapore methods, we will focus on the following areas up to the half term holiday in October:

- Place Value (up to 1,000,000)
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division

Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)

To support the children in their return to school in these unusual times we will have a greater focus on PSHE than perhaps in previous years.

Children will have specific lessons dealing with subjects such as 'Coming Back Together', 'Belonging and Feeling Safe at School', 'Reconnecting with Friends', 'Managing Worries and Fears' and 'Being Positive about Learning'.

Talk Time in class about Coronavirus, Loss and Bereavement, The Year Ahead and Unexpected Changes may generate further opportunities for discussions at home.