

# Learning together at School



## Reception

We had an amazing first week in Reception! We are very proud of all the children for being so grown up and settling in so well. It was a joy to watch the children exploring their new environments, making new friends and interacting with all the adults. In Literacy we have introduced the 'Here We Are' book and enjoyed learning about where we live. We cannot wait to welcome you into your new classes on Monday to have another fun-filled week of learning.

## Year 1

We have had a fantastic and fun-filled first week in Year 1, it has been exciting being able to see all of our friends after such a long time and settling back into our new classes and school. We have been using a book called 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers so that we can think about the world around us and all the beautiful things we see everyday but don't always notice. We have been thinking about how we feel now that we are back at school, and in a new year group, and sharing this in our PSHE time and learning about SCARF values. We have been outside to look at the natural world and wrote a shared song about our wonderful world based on the song by Louis Armstrong. We have been taking part in social distancing games during our sessions with Mr Corley too. Miss McClelland, Miss Carmichael, Mrs Corley and Mrs O'Hara have been very proud of how well the children have settled in to Year 1

and are looking forward to the exciting learning we will be doing next week with the children.

### Year 2

We have had a wonderful first week back in Year 2! It has been lots of fun seeing all our friends again and meeting our new teachers. In our English lessons, we went outside and used our senses to think about the world around us. We used the time to engage with and explore the natural environment outdoors and then wrote fantastic free verse poems describing the senses we had experienced. This was linked to the class text we have been reading called 'Here We Are'. We have enjoyed our PSHE sessions and circle times throughout the week to help us settle back into school and have discussed our thoughts and feelings about returning. It has been lovely to go outside and complete mindfulness activities to help us relax. We have been learning about determination and resilience with Mr Corley during our Active Minutes sessions this week. Miss McCulloch, Mrs Alabi, Miss Smith and Mrs Bonner are all so proud of how well the children have settled in this week and can't wait to see the children again on Monday!

### Year 3

We have had an amazing week back in Year 3. The children have settled in superbly and it has been absolutely wonderful to see their smiling faces every morning. They have adapted extremely well to the new rules and procedures which has been fantastic to see. This week, we have been really busy! We have enjoyed sharing our class text 'Here We Are' and learning more about our wonderful planet. At the end of the week, we produced a beautiful sense poem about our very own special places. In maths, we have made a great start to our place value learning using models to support our understanding. We have also been busy learning all about what we can do to help look after our environment and even

made our own papier-mache globes that we are going to paint next week. Mr Corley has also been on hand to deliver some active sessions to the classes which the children have really enjoyed and engaged with. What a busy first week! We cannot wait to see all of the children back in school on Monday morning.

Mr Welsh, Mrs King and Mr Offer

#### Year 4

It has been lovely getting to know all the new Year 5 children over the last week and we are so proud of everyone's efforts to get back into a routine. The children have adapted really well to the new systems and rules and we think they are all superstars! This week, we have researched our new class authors (Blackman, Rowling and Dahl) using Chromebooks; we have done some mindful activities to refresh our brains and relax; we have have active minutes outside with Mr Corley; we have practised our cursive handwriting; we have used our sketching skills to create a portrait of our class authors; we have learnt about SCARF values in PSHE (ask your child what they stand for); finally, we were invaded by an Anglo-Saxon in our creative curriculum lesson! What a busy first week!

#### Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic first full week back at school! We have enjoyed sharing our class text 'Here We Are' and reflecting on being back at school. At the end of the week, we produced some brilliant published pieces of work including poetry and a letter. In maths, we have made a great start to our place value learning using models to support our understanding. We've also been excited to launch our Victorians topic this week. We are all really looking forward to learning more about life in the Victorian times. Our daily mindful calendar has helped us to relax and focus our minds and in PSHE we have considered how to keep ourselves safe

and how to be a good friend. We hope you all have a great weekend!

### Year 6

This week in English, linked to Oliver Jeffers' 'Here We Are', we have been reflecting on the special places and people in our lives. After mind mapping our ideas, we wrote a poem about a special place in our lives. To do this effectively, we considered the five senses and how we feel when we are in our special place. We wrote letters to special people in our lives explaining why these people meant so much to us. In PSHE, we learnt about being caring and the impact that being caring, or uncaring, can have on others. We also learnt that when we give to others, it has a positive impact on our wellbeing. In maths, we have been busy consolidating and building upon our knowledge of place value by reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers up to 10,000,000. We have also explored how we round numbers up to ten million and beyond. It has been fantastic to get to know the children this week and we are very excited for the year ahead!