

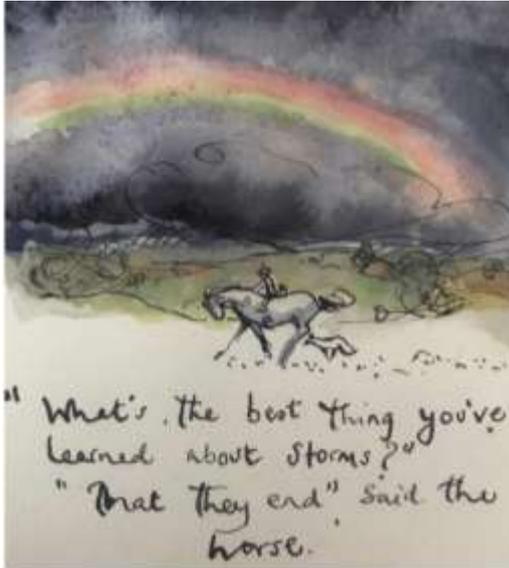


Everyone shall know success

Back to school - back on track



Our recovery plan



'Back to school' has taken on a new meaning for everyone this September, and the day could not have arrived soon enough for children and staff. School closure was a challenging time for everyone, and we are proud of the way everyone in our school community worked together, when they were in school and at home. There were lots of things learnt - riding bicycles and scooters, using the computer to meet up, hang out and learn online and being together - apart. Despite the challenges, the school community has remained positive, optimistic and resilient.

Everyone is excited to be back at school, and we are finding ways to include the events the children enjoy in different, 'Covid safe' ways as well as establishing new ideas and traditions to make keep school and learning exciting and fun. Over the coming months, we have prioritised a number of areas to focus on, to ensure our children can thrive in all aspects of school life.



Wellbeing

We have all missed each other, and the many opportunities we have to socialise together, so we will be focussing on re-establishing old friendships and making new ones, building relationships with the adults in our new classes, as well as those we already know.

After so much time at home, we are working on building confidence in:

- being back in school
- managing the new arrangements

- coping with any worries or concerns.
- facing new challenges



Help and support

We know that there will be gaps in learning, so when we do our planning, we are making sure we include these in our teaching, and include revision as well as new learning. There will be concepts and skills, as well as knowledge that the children have missed, so we will be covering these, as well as learning new things.

Children will need extra help in getting their learning back on track - to help them with areas of the curriculum they have not covered, to fill any gaps and to explain again, things they did not understand. Some things will be covered with the whole class and some by arranging clubs, before or after school for groups and individuals.

We will continue to cover the full curriculum and provide opportunities in creative subjects, such as art and music, for children to express themselves and explore their feelings. We are adapting our PE to ensure that all children continue to have plenty of opportunities for exercise, to build skills and fitness, enjoy sports together - with appropriate safety rules in place - and to enjoy the freedom of being outdoors.



There will be time to talk and listen - both in class and during unstructured parts of the day, and time to celebrate all the children have learnt and done during their time apart.

Technology

All of us have adapted to new ways of working and have been able to use technology, such as the Google classrooms to continue to 'meet' for assemblies, stories, celebrations and events. Staff and children have learnt lots of new skills and have helped each other, when stuck! If we need to return to home learning again, for a period of time, we know the things which work well online and the things which are better with 'real' resources. We will continue to use the best bits of technology where they work for children and families and provide paper copies of work where this is needed.



We have valued the exceptional way families took on home learning together and have found the feedback on the initiatives put in place invaluable. As we move through the school year, we will continue to seek feedback from parents and children, so that we can travel together towards achieving our greatest hopes and wishes for the children in every aspect of their education.

