

Hintlesham and Chattisham CofE School

Emerald Class Information Sheet - Autumn term 2020

Class Teachers: Miss Heyburn and Mrs Rouse

Welcome back! We have had a fantastic two days in Emerald class and I am really looking forward to the year ahead.

Of course, we recognise the importance of your child's safety and ask that they follow the guidelines set by the school on handwashing and social distancing. Should you, anyone in your household, or your child display symptoms we ask that you do not come in to school. Please refer to the risk assessment on the front page of the school website if you are unsure. Your child may bring to school a packed lunch in a reasonable size container as well as a bottle for water. A school book-bag is permitted (not rucksack) for carrying any other school equipment such as a reading book. Pencils and other stationery items will be provided by the school and we ask that pencil cases be left at home for the time being to minimise transfer of the virus. Until our delivery of fruit has been resumed, your child should bring in a snack which can be fruit or vegetables. As the weather is getting colder, please could you ensure your child brings a coat to school every day to ensure they can be outside for break, lunch and outdoor learning.

Learning and the curriculum:

For the first part of the term, there will be a PSHE focus in particular wellbeing and expressing our feelings. We will look at friendships and respecting ourselves and others. There will also be a focus on identifying learning gaps and catching up on any lost learning.

English – Our English work will be based on 'How to catch a star' by Oliver Jeffers. First, we will be exploring narrative and in particular, how to write a wishing tale. This will then lead onto our non-fiction unit of instruction writing. In Autumn 2, our work will be based on 'Supertato'. Alongside the English units, we will be working on our letter formation moving towards cursive writing. We will also work on our spelling, punctuation and grammar. With reading, the focus will be increasing knowledge of phonics, sight words and comprehension.

Maths – this term we will be looking at place value, addition and subtraction and then towards the end of the term, beginning multiplication and division. Alongside this, the children will begin to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Other curriculum topics:

RE – Christianity and Judaism

Science – weather

History – Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot

Art – Painting skills

PE – Dribbling, kicking and hitting

ICT – Online life

Other information:

Your child's attainment in all subjects will be recorded as working towards, secure or exceeding age-related expectations.

P.E. will take place on a Monday and Wednesday. On the days that your child has PE, please could you ensure they come into school wearing their PE kit. Forest schools is also starting this term and the year 1 children will be first to do this. Consequently, year 1 children will need to wear forest school appropriate clothing on a Wednesday instead of PE kit.

Homework: Please do hear your child read at home and record in their home school diary (which will be online initially), adding any comments you wish to make. Please ensure that your child's reading book is in school for a Tuesday. This will allow for enough time between before sending a new one home on Friday. The children will have an in-class spelling test on a Monday and will receive their new spellings online Monday ready to practise at home. The children in Emerald class will have an additional maths challenge sent home each week and this will start once the children are settled. This will initially be sent online on a Friday and need to be back in by the following Thursday.

Please continue to direct any messages or queries you may have to the office and if you want to book a meeting, we can arrange a zoom call.

We hope your child has an enjoyable term.

Miss Heyburn and Mrs Rouse