

INSPIRE

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BELIEVE

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Working together to be the best that we can be.

Happiness

Perserverance

Resilience

Kindness

Friendship

Respect

21.10.20

Dear Parents and Carers,

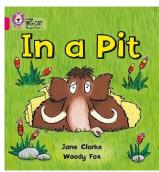
We have reached the end of the half term, and what a half term it has been! It has possibly been the busiest start to a school year that any of us have ever known in our career but it has been absolutely worth it to have the children back and to hear the hubbub of voices and laughter throughout school.

It's hard to believe now that some of them were away from school for so long – they continue to make us smile and feel proud every single day.

We have hit the ground running in terms of sharing our love of reading once again with the children who are loving their class reading corners and our new Big Cat Books.







Curriculum Enrichment - Now Press Play

We have invested in some incredible wireless headphones which link to the curriculum through immersive stories. So far, our children have been Archaeologists who are taken back in time after finding a dinosaur egg while our older children have been learning about Rosa Parks.



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The teachers and children have been blown away by how awesome this resource is! If you'd like to listen to an example, have a look at the free audio extract on their website: http://nowpressplay.co.uk/how-it-works/







Forest School

Class 4 have been enjoying Forest School with Miss Brown this half term, learning lots of life skills and putting our school values into action as they have been developing their resilience while exploring the outdoors.



School Environment

Usually you would all be very welcome in school. We have been making lots of changes to make the environment much better for the children. Along with the class reading corners, we also have a new and improved 'Reflection Zone' – the children can read in it, or work in it, or simply use the 'breakout area' as a place to have some space. This is really important when children are in their bubbles all day!



Class One is now for Early Years on their own. It's hard to believe what it used to look like!







What a beautiful learning environment it is – the children are very lucky!



Wellbeing and Relax Kids

Resilience is one of our Key Values in school – in order to learn how to be resilient, the children need to understand their emotions and be able to articulate them.

We started the half term with a PSHE focus based on The Colour Monster.





The children now use the daily check in monsters throughout the day and also the 'worry box' if they want to discuss their feelings confidentially.

We have also started embedding Relax Kids activities into our daily routines – the children LOVE choosing a daily affirmation, completing a daily Meditation and also doing the little activities from Move through to Relax!

The children have also learned about how the brain works to keep them safe and how different parts of the brain respond to different emotions.







New Website

The new website is always a work in progress as it is regularly updated. The plan is that it will be launched w/c 2.11.20.







Reception

Welcome to our new class – they have settled in really well

Happy Harvest! Happy Half Term!

We hope you enjoy the Harvest Celebration online this week.

Have a restful and safe Half Term and we'll see you on

2nd November!



Dates:

It is really tricky to plan things at the moment as we have found this half term that we are having to cancel events or move them online.

We will endeavour to keep you informed as best we can with the ever-changing events at school.

Fri 23rd October – FROGS Hot Hair Day, £1 donation

Fri 23rd October – School closes for half term

Mon 2nd November – School opens, Autumn Term 2

Mon 2nd November – New Dolce menu and SchoolGrid system

Mon 2nd November – New Website Launch

Fri 13th Nov – 'Wear Spots' for Children in Need, £1 minimum donation

w/c Mon 9th November - Parent/Carer Consultations via Teams or Telephone

Mon 7th December – Flu immunisations, Health Team

Fri 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 18th December - School closes, end of term

Mon 4th January - Training Day, school closed

Tues 5th January - School opens, Spring Term 1