

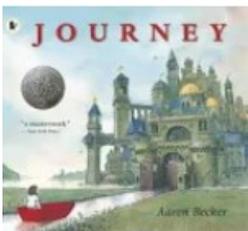
Dear Parents and Families,

I am absolutely thrilled to be able to welcome you all back into the school building for what promises to be an exciting and engaging half term together. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the overwhelmingly positive feedback we have received during lockdown and I hope that you really felt like you were a part of the school and class community during this time. Now that we are coming back together under one roof, there is lots of exciting news to share with you.

Routines: As you are aware, we had planned to resume swimming just prior to this most recent lockdown. However, the pool will now be closed for the time being, so we will be returning to the timetable from before lockdown. This means that PE will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. Children should have indoor and outdoor kits on both of these days as plans can change depending on the weather. We recommend that children have a change of socks with them in their PE bags. Spellings will be given out on Fridays and tested on the following Friday. Homework will be given out on Fridays and due in on Wednesdays. Reading diaries should come to school every day, but need to be signed by a responsible adult by Friday for the Reading Raffle!



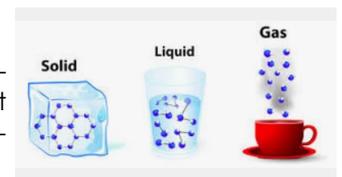
Creative Curriculum: We are going to continue our work on the Islamic Civilisation. Please can children who have been working at home bring their scrapbooks back into school so that we can have a good look at all of the wonderful work children have done from home and pick up from where we left off.



English: We will be continuing our work around the book "Journey" by Aaron Becker. We started looking at this book in and among the world book week activities for both home and school based learners. We will use this book to think further about reading skills, particularly retrieval and inference, and apply the grammatical knowledge we have acquired into fun writing tasks. For the final week of term, our English lessons will be based around the Easter Story and we will look at poetry based on the emotions of Easter.

Maths: We will be focusing very much on the needs of our individual learners within Maths. Some children will be revisiting calculations, number and place value, and others will be consolidating their learning on fractions and moving on to look at decimals and percentages.

Science: In Science, we will be continuing the topic of Properties and Changes of Materials. We will be looking at solutions, solubility and separating of mixtures. We will also revisit learning from Earth and Space and Forces to enable us to see what the children have remembered.



R.E.: In RE, we will be looking at "The Big Story" which is the story of Easter and of the Resurrection. We will examine why this is such a special time for Christians, and will complete engaging activities such as drama, silent debates and role play in which we examine the evidence of the Resurrection and come to our own conclusions. This will also link to our English work in the final week of half term.

It has been a real delight seeing the range of work completed by home and school based learners during lockdown. My focus now will be very much on ensuring that your children feel happy and safe, and I hope that by really focusing on their well-being, we can make the transition back to class based learning a smooth one. We will be spending our first day together off timetable, looking at everything we are thankful for, linking in to our new Christian value, before returning to a full timetable of teaching on the Tuesday. Please don't hesitate to contact me about any questions or concerns you might have - as we are out of lockdown, the year group email addresses will be closed, but you can always contact me by emailing the office (office@baildonce.co.uk) or just by speaking to me in the playground before or after school.

Again, I can't wait to welcome your children back into the building - see you all very soon!

Mr Buckley