



5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

I know the teachers are excited to meet with as many of you as possible who are able to join your class meetings today. Mrs Palmer and I met with our Reception learners yesterday - just a couple of little gremlins in the video link but it was wonderful to see the children (even if they were a little bit shy).

As a school, we continue to move forward with plans for the New Curriculum. This term we have invested in Read, Write, Inc. Phonics to develop as a whole school holistic approach to handwriting, spelling and reading. Children experience success from the very beginning of the scheme. We will be receiving staff training in the coming weeks and will begin to introduce the programme during the summer term; we are excited to get started and build every child's phonic knowledge and confidence in a lively, engaging way.

The KS2 Outdoor classroom should be constructed during the Easter break. The design is an enclosed version of the picture below. This will provide a covered space for groups of children to complete their outdoor learning activities whilst being protected from the elements.



As a school we have invested in Connect PSHE. Connect PSHE is based on a model called DNA-V, which stand for four skills – Discoverer, Noticer, Advisor and Values. Research shows that children's emotional resilience improves when they learn these key skills. The DNA-V exercises help children learn to use these skills in relation to how they see themselves and the social world. The lessons are designed to equip children with the skills to achieve good wellbeing. The children are really enjoying Connect PSHE and we can't wait to see the impact on their well-being as we embed it across the school.



This term we welcomed Ms Whalley, a Learning Support Assistant, into Years 3 and 4. She has met those children attending the Hub but is very excited to meet the remainder of the class.

**Eco Council reminder: It will be Fairtrade Fortnight (February 22<sup>nd</sup> - March 7<sup>th</sup>)**

Kind regards and take care everyone,  
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**I will update you as soon as information is received from the Local Authority with regards to the reopening of school.**

**There is no Hub provision during the half term break.**