



Kea Community Primary School

14 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been such a positive and busy start to the school term. We can't believe we are already in the sixth week of the new school year. Your children are settling in really well and are a lovely class. We are excited for the year ahead.

We have really enjoying getting into the topic of Harvest recently and are especially proud of our Dingle, Dangle Scarecrow dance which we have shared with you on Tapestry. We will continue to add more work to Tapestry and will also upload examples of our Harvest artwork to the main school website.

We have made a good start to learning our sounds in Read Write Inc and will continue to add new sounds to our ever-growing list. We have been keeping our fingers really busy in finger gym, which is really important in giving the children skills for being ready to write. We have also been starting to learn how to write the letters, short sentences and are practising writing our names often. We hope you have found the handwriting sheets useful for practising at home.

In Maths, we have learnt numbers up to 5 and are now both consolidating our work on these and extending our skills, such as finding 1 more and 1 less. Kea School take a maths mastery approach, which means we don't rush ahead but will make sure the children really take time to explore and embed their knowledge of a maths topic. We look forward to sharing this maths learning with you on Tapestry.

Please may we remind you that your child is not allowed to bring toys in from home. This rule is to limit the numbers of items being sent backwards and forwards from school to home. Hair clips and headbands that are in a child's hair are fine but can we ask that extra or unnecessary headbands or accessories are left at home too.

The children are becoming more responsible for their own belongings already in the short time they have been at school. If a child gets hot, we are encouraging them to place their jumpers or cardigans in their trays when in the classroom or by the classroom door if it is play. This also goes for coats if they get hot at play. Thank you for clearly naming your child's items which helps hugely when we have to rehome lost items. There is a lost property box in the shelter in the playground which is always worth a check too.



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Thank you for adhering to the school's healthy snack policy of fruit, cheese or a plain biscuit on Monday to Thursday. The children eat their snack at approximately 10.30am and have their lunch at 11.45am, therefore, snacks only need to be small. The children always have access to fruit or vegetables within the classroom if they forget to bring a snack from home.

After half term, we will start to send home reading books for the children. We will give you more information on this nearer the time. Leading up to this, you can support the children with the familiarisation of the letters we are learning. Also, reading to your child will develop their comprehension skills. We will be sharing information about how we teach phonics and reading at school soon. We would normally invite you in for a reading and phonics meeting but we are preparing something alternative. We will let you know shortly.

The children love sharing their proud clouds with the class in the morning. They really listen attentively to each one and we celebrate them together. It is also a really good opportunity for the children to develop speaking and listening skills too. If you need more proud clouds, please ask your child to tell us as we have lots of spares.

Thank you again for working with us to help settle your child at school. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns at any point as we are happy to help.

Kind regards,

Mrs Harvey and Mrs Marley