



Dear Parents and Carers,

9<sup>th</sup> September 2020

I hope you have all managed to find some time to relax and enjoy yourselves over the summer break. The last few months have been very challenging for everyone and I would like to thank you again for all your hard work in supporting your child's learning at home. The children seem very happy to be back with their friends and are already settled and ready to learn. I have been very impressed with their positive attitude! They are also responding very well to instructions about handwashing and distancing.

I am looking forward to working closely with you over the coming year to support your child's learning. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me. Although it can be very busy when the children are being dismissed, you are welcome to wait in the courtyard to talk to me or we can arrange a telephone appointment at a more convenient time. You can also contact me by emailing [admin@hawley.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hawley.camden.sch.uk) and Lesley will forward me your email.

#### The Year 1 staff:

Anna      Class Teacher

Sandra    Teaching Assistant

#### Start of the Day:

School begins at 9.05 am and finishes at 3.30. It is very important that your child arrives and leaves on time. As you know, we are keeping the children in separate bubbles and each class has their allotted time to ensure the bubbles can stay separate. Also, it is very disruptive for the learning of your child and the rest of the class if they arrive late.

#### Class Topic:

We have begun by using the book 'Here we Are' by Oliver Jeffers to settle back in and think about our place in school, and in the world.

Our topic for the term will be 'Friends and Neighbours'. The children will explore our school and local area, creating maps and writing about the information they gather. They will draw buildings and explore the work of different architectural artists. They will also learn about their body parts and senses and use different materials to create self-portraits. They will observe the weather and develop an understanding of seasonal change.

In English, the children will use the story of 'Beegu', by Alexis Deacon to stimulate their work about our local area and some of Lauren Child's 'Charlie and Lola' stories as a starting point for writing their own stories based in familiar settings

In Maths, the children will learn how to represent numbers using a range of equipment, continue to develop their understanding number sequence and use simple calculation strategies for problem-solving.

#### Phonics:

We will have a daily phonics session; beginning with consolidation of last year's learning and then introducing new ways of writing speech sounds.

#### PE:

The class will have PE with Coach Charlie on Wednesdays and with me on Fridays. They do not need to change for PE but please ensure that they are wearing suitable clothes on these days (trainers, jogging bottoms).

#### Music

The children will have a music lesson with Olga on Wednesday afternoon.

#### Guided Reading

Over the week, your child will read with Sandra and me. Reading books will be sent home weekly. Reading books can also be accessed for free on the Oxford Owl website <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>.

#### Home Learning

Children will bring work home on a Friday. This must be returned by the following Friday. Encourage your child to try their best and to take care over the presentation of their work.

#### Trips

We will be going on a walk in the local area on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September and visiting Rochester Terrace Gardens to observe seasonal change on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. We would be very grateful for parent volunteers to help on these trips so please let Sandra or me know if you are available.

Yours sincerely

Anna Tyler-Ahmed