

GIG MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together we care, together we succeed



24th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our third full week in school, I am really pleased to say that the focus on building relationships, pastoral care and wellbeing has been really beneficial for the children. It is wonderful to see aspects of school life we have all missed so much, re-emerging and flourishing.

It has been great to see the children taking part in PE lessons with such great enthusiasm. Our children coming into school wearing their PE kits, has worked really well this week, and this is now another of our new routines.

With the change in the weather, please make sure that your child brings a waterproof coat to school each day, this is essential due to changed routines.

Thank you all for supporting us with school risk assessments, wearing masks as recommended by the Local Authority, and establishing new routines, as part of our new 'normal' at Gig Mill.

Our curriculum focus will continue to support pupils' emotional well-being and mental health as well as promoting core curriculum skills. In the coming weeks we will be focusing on Reading both in school, and wherever possible at home too. Lots of children are reading favourite books at home, and libraries are open for those who may want to access this resource. Reading for enjoyment at Gig Mill has been an aspect of our curriculum that has been successful. Next week on Thursday 1st October - it is National Poetry day, so please join in if you can.

If you still have any school reading books at home from March please would you return them, this will really help us. In the coming weeks we will be rolling out a revised reading partnership.

Reading books in KS1 have been reorganised in school this week to create separate sets of books for year group bubbles.

- From next week each child in KS1 (Years One and Two) will bring home a reading book each **Monday**. If you already have a school book bag please send this in on Monday.
- **We would ask you to return the reading book every Thursday**. We request that you keep to these set days to ensure that a constant flow of books are available across the year group bubble.
- **Reading records will be provided in order for you to use at home, please return these to school each Thursday**.
- Staff in school will be using separate reading journals as part of the reading curriculum, and continuing teaching reading as before.

Reading books in KS2

In KS2 children are using Reading books within classes (this may be a class book), and selecting books from reading areas but these books are currently being kept in school.

New reading resources from our spring term fundraising have been purchased, some are linked to the Letters and Sounds phonics programme. Thanks for your support!

We have also purchased an online reading resource for book banded reading books which can be accessed at home. Details regarding this will be shared shortly for different year groups.

Thank you again for your ongoing co-operation, support and understanding. Happy Reading.

Kind regards,

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