



Friars Weekly News

Thursday 25th June 2020

Hi everyone! It has been a long time since we have had a weekly newsletter but over the next four weeks we will be updating you with lots of information. Since Tuesday 2nd June, we have welcomed more children back to school which has been lovely, but unfortunately we still have lots of you at home. We do really wish that we could see everyone but we simply do not have the classroom space or the adults for this to happen. We have to follow the rules the Government give us. Hopefully these rules will be able to change and we will all be back together after the summer.

It has been great to look at all of your work on Seesaw! Your grown-ups at home might have told you that your teacher might not be responding to your work now. This is because they are probably teaching other children in the school. We do have a group of adults who are our 'Home Learning Team' and they are always excited to see what comes in. Don't forget that you can send the school a message through Seesaw and the Home Learning Team will make sure that your teacher receives the message if it is for them.

We are also launching a new way for you to send messages to us... our very own online Worry Box. If you go to the homepage of our school website you will find a link to the Worry Box. If there are things which are making you sad, angry or upset then please let us know and we will see if there is anything we can do to help.

Please continue to look after yourselves and your families. Keep safe and be ready for when we can reopen to everyone.

Mr McClay and Mr Roche

Transition Projects - Getting ready for next year

Although everything is a little bit different at the moment, the school year will still come to an end next month. To help everyone to prepare for next year we are launching transition projects for each year group! These projects will give you a start on some of the learning you will come back to in the autumn term and help children from lower years that are coming into your year group prepare for their new classes. Everyone can take part in the projects – whether you are currently in school or at home. If you are in school we will give you your project pack and if you are at home you can either check Seesaw, the home learning pages of the website or ask for a paper copy at the school office. You can then bring them back before school finishes on Friday 17th July if you are in school, or drop them off if you attend your class get-together in the final week if you are working from home. If you would rather work on them over the Summer holidays, you can bring them back in September for us to see.

Reception to Year 1

Your project is 'All About Me' and we want you to tell us about the place that you live, your family, pets and of course all about yourself. You might want to draw or paint yourself, write words that describe you or even design a paper plate face with real hair.

Year 2 to Year 3

Our Year 2s become Year 3s in September and will be learning about 'The Iron Man' a book written by Ted Hughes. There are lots of chances to design your own robot, explore space and write a fantastic description.

Year 4 to Year 5

The Ancient Egyptians is the first theme for our Year 5s in September. This fascinating project will see you creating hieroglyphic art, making a leaflet about this wonderful country and thinking about the mysterious pyramid shape from a mathematical viewpoint.

Year 1 to Year 2

If you are moving to Year 2 in September, your project is about the traditional tale 'The Gingerbread Man'. There are lots of exciting things to do and make including your own gingerbread man design, writing your own gingerbread sentences and baking gingerbread biscuits.

Year 3 to Year 4

Year 4 begin the year by learning about 'The Norman Conquest'. This great topic will give you the chance to explore castles, design your own part of The Bayeux Tapestry and create a timeline for William the Conqueror.

Year 5 to Year 6

In Year 6 they begin the year by studying 'The Victorian Age'. In historical terms, this wasn't that long ago but things were very different back then. As researchers, you will find out who Queen Victoria was, how Victorian schools differed to ours today and some of the great inventions and inventors of the age.

Year 6 to Secondary Schools

As we say a fond farewell to our Year 6s, we would like them to reflect back on their time at Friars and leave behind a time capsule of information about their experiences at school for future pupils of Friars to read. This will include them thinking about their favourite lessons, best trips, funniest moments and their personal achievements at Friars.

Messages

- Please note that the first day back at school after the summer holidays is **Thursday 3rd September 2020**.
- If your child is in school, please remember that normal school uniform should be worn if available. If your child has grown out of any item, an alternative plain colour replacement can be worn but please do not send children to school in sports or casual clothing.
- With the weather turning hotter this week, please ensure children have sun cream applied and sun hats in school.