

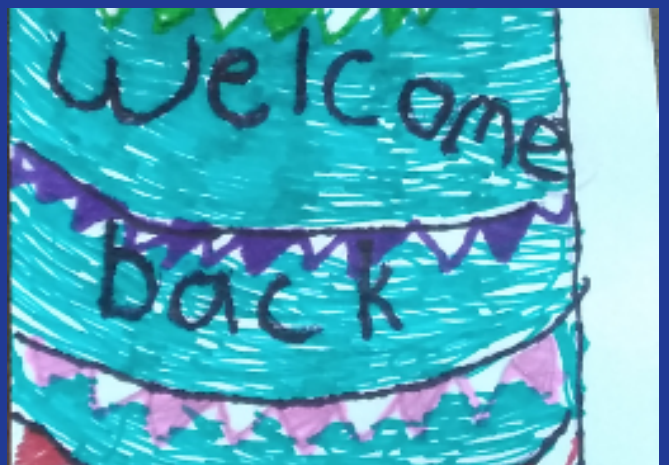
Kids Rock!

A NOTE FROM OUR EDITOR:

Welcome back everyone!

I hope you like it back at school even though there have been lots of changes due to covid-19 this year. I hope you have had HFS [happy fun safe] summer break but I know it was a bit different because of the covid-19 restrictions.

Charlotte, Year 4





WE'RE GOING ON A JOURNEY

Planning the way Forward

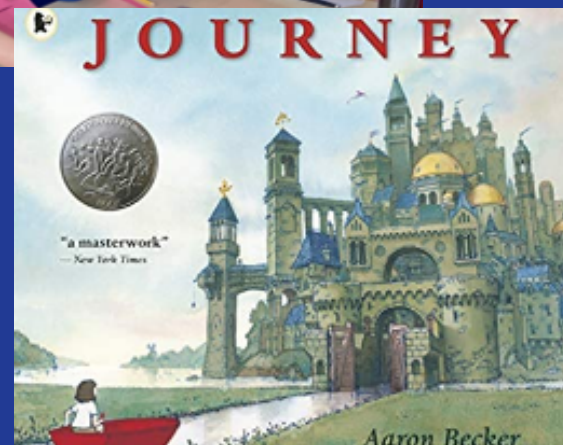
THE NEW PLANNERS ARE IN AND IT'S BEEN FANTASTIC TO SEE YOU ALL USING THEM IN CLASS.

PACKED FULL OF USEFUL RESOURCES SUCH AS TRICKY SPELLINGS AND MAPS OF THE WORLD, WE HAVE ALL ENJOYED EXPLORING WHAT'S INSIDE. AT THE BACK OF THE PLANNER ARE RED, AMBER AND GREEN CARDS FOR YOU TO USE IN CLASS. IT'S A VERY USEFUL TOOL FOR YOUR TEACHER SO THEY CAN SEE IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO THEM ABOUT WORK OR ANY CONCERNS YOU HAVE. SIMPLY POP IT ON YOUR DESK!

YOUR PARENTS CAN USE THEM TOO! IF THEY NEED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE CLASS TEACHER THEN THEY CAN POP A NOTE IN FOR YOU TO SHOW TO A GROWN UP WHEN YOU COME IN TO SCHOOL.

This year in English, all classes will be completing some units of work on the same book. We have just finished our first book, *Journey* by Arron Becker. Pupils enjoyed learning to 'read' a book without any text, allowing their imaginations to explore the story and discussing their thoughts with their peers.

As part of the unit we looked at writing instructions, the structure and layout. Here are the Oaks following written instructions and making lanterns!



CONGRATULATIONS

Gold Book Awards

We would like to say well done to the following children for achieving a gold book certificate this week.

Teddy Nathan Henry C Matthew M

Citizenship Award

We would like to say well done to the following children for achieving a Citizenship award certificate this week.

Iona Joseph Mitchell Henry W Josh T



Pupils who have been awarded a certificate will bring home a laminated copy of their certificate on Monday

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU COME BACK TO SCHOOL

Preparation for school are easy! All you need are a water bottle, coat, hat, sunscreen (optional) and your lunch if you have a packed lunch. No bags, no hand sanitiser – we've got you covered!



Look out for your class sign which will tell you what gate to come in. This will be the same gate every day. An adult will be waiting for you and tell you where you need to go. Everything will be labelled to help you on your way. Staff have been studying very hard for all your questions so if you are not sure just ask!

If your grown up needs to speak to someone in the office, they can call or email. If they really need to speak to someone face to face, they can line up on our one-way system. The office will be open to parents/guardians between 10am & 2pm.



You may need to line up (on a special spot!) before your teacher leads you into your learning space, which will look a bit different. You'll be asked to wash your hands before you sit at your desk. You will have your very own desk and resource pack so there's no need to bring anything with you (oh good, less to carry!) There will still be time to talk and interact with your friends and ask as many questions as you wish. This will be your Bubble.

Your teacher will deliver lessons in the classroom as normal and should you need any support they will give it to you. We are not robots (we don't live in cyborgs or need charging!) if you are finding it hard, that's ok! There will be daily PSHE sessions so you can discuss any worries with your grown up.

Break time will be slightly different too. You will wash your hands before and after play (in your classroom). We've planned loads of ways you can play together while still keeping safely distant, like tennis, shooting hoops and penalty shoot outs. You will be able to play with those in your Bubble and perhaps even play with bubbles! You will have designated zones to play in, these will be marked by numbers on the trees so you will know where to go and all equipment will be washed after use.

Lunchtime will be similar to Break (don't forget to wash your hands!) except you'll have your lunch delivered to you, like in a restaurant! You will eat in your classroom with your Bubble, where you can have a chat and maybe listen to some music. You will then be able to play outside together, like at Break.

You may be wondering what the learning will look like and how much you will be expected to do. It won't be a typical school day; we will use the visual timetable as normal to show you what to expect each day. There will be Maths and English activities as well as a variety of practical and interesting tasks during the day.



At home time your teacher will take you out to line up for collection and you will leave through the same gate you came in. When your parent arrives you will be called to walk up to where a member of staff will be waiting to open the gate.

We do understand you may feel a bit nervous, excited or not really sure, and that is OK. We are happy to answer questions and support you as we always do. We're looking forward to seeing you soon.



A NOTE FROM THE STAFF:

Welcome back!

It's been a busy few weeks back at school! It is lovely to see you all back in the classroom and enjoying learning and playing together.

We are aware that it has been a long time for some of you since you have stepped through the school gates so if you are worried about something, remember the adults are there to help you.

If you haven't had a look at our learning pages on the school website please do. There are games and ideas for how to practise and develop your knowledge and skills!

It's good to see you back on Times Tables Rockstars and Reading Eggs - keep up the good work!

Best wishes from all the staff.