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Year 3 and 4 We're Back Together Again!

It has been fantastic to have the children back in school this morning. When they left us in December for a well deserved break after all of their amazing efforts during the Autumn term, we never would have imagined we wouldn't be seeing them again until March. Hearing their excitement and enthusiasm as they came into school today, followed by their laughter and enjoyment with their friends has made for a fantastic atmosphere in the classrooms.

The children have already begun settling back into the routines and expectations of school well. Thank you for all of the reassurance and support you have given them over the weekend to prepare them for their return to school, this has enabled them to return to Bransgore happy and confident. We acknowledge that perhaps for some children, and parents, this has been a big step and that they were worried about coming to school for health reasons.

I can reassure you that all of the procedures we have had in place to keep everyone safe throughout the pandemic will continue and we will be talking to the children about these over the next few days. In addition, some children may be anxious about their learning and concerned that they haven't done as well with their remote learning as their friends. However, no matter how much they have done, they have been amazing and we will work with them to ensure that they continue to achieve their best and feel proud of everything they do. Our initial priority over the next few weeks will be to ensure that the children feel safe and happy to be in school with their friends and their teachers.

I will write to you next week to update you on our curriculum and learning plans for the rest of the term.

To begin the transition back to school, this morning we have been thinking about coming back together and celebrating our achievements whilst we were learning from home. We have also discussed our feelings about returning to school. We have thought about reconnecting with our friends and playing games to feel part of a team, also the valuable part we have in contributing to the class and whole school community.





In addition, we have been thinking about expressing ourselves by drawing characters in the style of Spanish artist Joan Miró. This week the children will be working in their classes reacquainting themselves with their friends and the timetable, whilst the teachers work alongside them to support their return to school and consider next steps in learning for each child. They will continue to experience the broad range of subjects, similar to the home learning timetable, including outdoor and indoor activities.

As a reminder; Jupiter class have sports on a Monday and Tuesday and both Mars and Mercury have it on a Tuesday and Thursday. Children should come to school in appropriate PE uniform on these days. Please remember to send your child to school with warm clothing and a coat for playtimes and outdoor activities.

We are so proud of how well the children have already returned to school and thank you again for preparing them so well for it. In addition we would all like to thank you for your support you have given them in completing their home learning. We acknowledge that at times it may have been tricky to balance it with your own work commitments and stress levels may have increased, however we are overwhelmed by the amazing efforts and attitude the children have demonstrated in all of their work and everyone should feel very proud of their progress during this period.

As we continue to adhere to the government's roadmap of recovery, you can rest assured that your children are happy, safe and cared for at school. Our priority is to support their social and emotional well-being and at a time that is appropriate to your child we will ensure their academic efforts also have the opportunity to reflect their best efforts. Thanks again for all of your support and as always please do not hesitate to contact us if we can help in anyway.

Take care and stay safe,

Aidan Richards