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'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello and welcome to a new academic year in Cedar Class. It has been so lovely to see all the children's smiling faces in school again, and to welcome a new smiling face, Luke, who has joined Fitzwaryn School and Cedar Class this year. They have all settled extremely well back into the school routine and we are all enjoying being together again.

Sadly with the pandemic still at large, we are not going to be able to do all of the different activities we are used to being able to do but the children already seem to be enjoying the activities we are able to do and some that we didn't do before. We are continuing with a restorative curriculum focussing on caring for the mental and physical well-being of everyone in the school community. I will attach the timetable for term 1 so you can see what activities we are doing each day. Some of the activities will be cross-curricular e.g. horticulture will normally be an English or Maths activity carried out within the horticulture area or a creative activity may involve science, art and music.

Our theme this term is 'Our Favourite things' and for the next term we will be focussing on a different favourite thing of one of our class members each week! This week has been Betsy the school dog, obviously my favourite thing – but also chosen by one of the class pupils too! Other favourite things are going to include monsters, unicorns, superheroes amongst other things!.

Some general points:

- P.E. We will be doing PE on a Tuesday morning so please could you ensure your child has their PE kits in school. They will need shorts/tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls. We will try to do PE outside as much as the weather allows us.
- Lunch time. The children are now eating lunch in the classroom with class staff so it is a perfect opportunity to focus on any targets/areas of needs linked



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to eating, trying different foods etc. We are already really impressed with the way some of the children are willingly trying different foods especially the vegetables!! So if you have anything specific you'd like us to work on or you would like to see if your child would eat school dinners, please do let us know and we can work together on this.

- Clothing. Children do go outside to play every day unless we are experiencing extreme weather so please ensure your child has the appropriate outside clothing. If they could have a waterproof coat with them each day that'd be great – we all know how changeable the weather can be even on days when you think it is going to be dry all day.
- Home-school diary. We will try to write each day in these books so you know what your child has been doing at school – due to time constraints however it may not always be possible to do this but we will do our very best. We do see it as a two way communication so please feel free to write in it if you have information we need to know, questions or something to celebrate.
- Homework –if you'd like activities for your child to do whilst at home, please do ask. There is also information on our website with ideas for activities to do at home. We unfortunately can't send home reading books at the moment but you can access books on line at our online library. The link for which can be found here
<https://www.fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Online+Library&pid=56>

If you have any concerns, or wish to talk to a member of staff, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or through the home school diary.

With best wishes,
From all the Cedar Class Staff.

Teacher: Miss Rachel Wenham
Teaching Assistants:, Mrs Kathy Rixon, Mrs Andrea Hicks, Miss Elisha Brew,
Miss Rosie Phillips.