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## TOPAZ CLASS NEWSLETTER

Monday 19th April 2020

Dear Parents and children,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and are really looking forward to working with you all together over the next few months. We have a busy and exciting term ahead!

This newsletter is to inform you about routines and expectations in Topaz as we return together fully.

Dr Wallis will be the class teacher from Monday to Wednesday: Mrs Tuach will be the class teacher on Thursday and Friday. We are fortunate to have Miss Taylor on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings and Miss S will continue to support us on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and every afternoon. Mrs Saville will continue to work with Topaz as a 1:1 TA four days a week with Miss S filling the 1:1 position on a Tuesday.

### Arrival

Children are to arrive at 8.45am. The class teacher will meet the children at the main entrance to the School grounds and guide the class in once they are assembled. Late arrivals will need to phone the main School. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines when dropping off and picking up your children.

### Pencil cases

Whilst we have all of the necessary equipment in the classroom available to your child, we are happy for your child to bring in their own pencil case and equipment if they so wish.

### Uniform

Pupils are asked to continue to wear School Uniform each day in line with the School Uniform Policy, although sensible trainers will be permitted. On PE days (Monday and Friday) pupils are able to come into School in PE Kit as we are still unable to change in School. Please ensure that your child has weather-appropriate clothing with them as we will be heading outside every day during lessons and break-times as much as possible. If it is sunny, as the weather improves, please ensure that you send your child in with a high factor sun-cream already applied.

### Lockers

Pupils will still have access to a named locker, which can be used to store their coat, snack, book and lunchbox. It is still the case that, for safety reasons, no jewellery should be worn and long hair should be tied back.



## Homework

All pupils in Key stage 2 will be set homework weekly. This will consist of a piece of English work and a piece of Maths work with occasional Topic-themed projects. We still encourage your children to read with an adult or family member for 20 minutes a day. Homework will be set on a Friday and should be completed by the following Tuesday.

## Food and drink

All lunchboxes (including healthy snacks) are kept in lockers. If your child brings a packed lunch to School, they should place it in their lockers first thing in the morning. Children should keep a named bottle of still water in the classroom.

## Class topics, books and activities

Our class topic for the Autumn term will be 'Far from home'. This topic will allow pupils to find out more about materials and their properties, foods from around the world, the ethical issues surrounding refugees and the geography of Africa and Europe. Please see the attached curriculum map for the key areas of learning.

Much of our English work this term will be based around our central text: 'The Other Side of Truth' by Beverley Naidoo. There is no expectation for pupils to purchase their own copies of any particular text as we have a class set so that children can read along and participate fully in lessons.

We hope that you agree that this term should be an exciting and important term in terms of our pupils' spiritual, moral and academic growth. We can all get back together, doing what we love and making memories. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and we hope it has helped to answer your questions.

Should you have any further queries, please email us via the office and we will get back to you either directly or to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Wallis, Mrs Tuach and the Topaz Team.