

Flitcham Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after a hopefully fun and relaxing holiday!

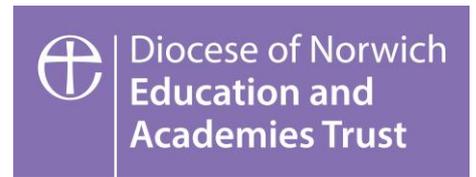
I am pleased to introduce myself as Flitcham's new Year 1/2 (and 3 in the afternoons) teacher. I am delighted to join this lovely school amongst wonderful children. I can't wait to get to know all of their personalities and quirks and accompany them on their journey back into normality! We are continuing our PATHs programme which will create a safe atmosphere to support the emotional development and aid their transition into their new class. Throughout the year, the children will receive praise for brilliant work and behaviour via Marvellous Me - this will permit an early insight into their day.

Our current arrangement is that English and Maths are taught in the mornings when the classes are split. In the afternoons, when Year 3's join us in the mobile, we will explore topic, science, computing, and RE together, alongside PE and Forest School. The exception to this will be a Wednesday morning where the Year 3's will be joining in the morning as well as the afternoon. Miss Hill has been our morning TA for the Year 1/2 class this week with Miss Webster joining with the Year 3 children in the afternoon, ensuring pupils have had an adult they are familiar with for their first week to ease transition into their new class. As from Monday, Miss Hill will return full time to Reception and Miss Webster will join our class full time.

We have our buddy system in place, where Reception and Year 1 children have a buddy higher up in the school – the Year 1's are buddied up with Year 5's. These buddies will be assisting children through transitions throughout school, such as at the beginning of break times and lunch times. We will also be implementing reading buddies which will encourage the younger children to read and to be listened to by the older children in the school. This will boost their confidence and self-esteem. We ask that children have an opportunity to read or be read to at home daily.

In English, Year 1 and 2 will explore a range of high quality fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts in each term. This term children will be exploring stories in a familiar setting, such as *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, a look into clothing to support their non-fiction readings (which will involve bringing in their favourite t-shirt in week 4), and finally, songs and repetitive poems from Michael Rosen. In art, they will be exposed to a range of abstract artists and encouraged to choose, use and mix their own colours to create high quality abstract art work. We will progress throughout the year to explore sculptors and sculptures in nature and then creating fabric faces.

For Years 1, 2 and 3 topic, we will begin through looking into our schools local area. They will then explore the weather, the world (focusing on the continents, oceans, and UK countries) and finally, they will conduct a local area study of Castle Rising. The historical topics that we will cover include events within and beyond living memory, such as Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day and significant people in history, such as Mary Seacole, Emmeline Pankhurst and Christopher Columbus. They will also explore changes within living memory which will consider how pivotal parts of life have changed over the past 100 years, such as food, which will involve home research through talking to parents and grandparents.



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Children will have a song to focus on for each half term for their music lessons – this half term is Hands, Feet, Heart, by Joanna Mangona. They will study PSHE/RSE, RE, Science, and PE weekly, alongside adopting our new phonics scheme Little Wandle as directed by the newly revised Letters and Sounds. These sessions will continue to be delivered daily for Year 1s to support early writing and reading. Year 2s will be joining the initial phonics sessions for the first term to ensure their confidence and secure their knowledge, before moving on to spellings.

They will have Forest School on Wednesday afternoons and PE on Friday afternoons, however PE kits will be required in school every day. As you have been informed, the mobile classroom has been renovated over the summer and newly decorated by myself to create a warm, inviting and inspiring atmosphere for the children to learn in. As there has been a new carpet installed and the mobile is located at the beginning of the field, we ask that children bring their plimsolls in their PE kits and we shall organise them to change into their plimsolls before entering the classroom to ensure that the environment remains clean and tidy, which will inspire pride into the children who have helped keep their classroom tidy.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to get into touch.

Kind regards,

Miss Bartrum

Miss Hill

Miss Webster

Class Teacher

Class Teaching Assistant

Class Teaching Assistant