



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone for our final term. We are delighted that everyone is back and look forward to an exciting summer term. We would like to thank all our families for continuing to support us in keeping safe and following COVID-19 guidance by staying back from the school gates at drop off and pick up. We will continue to have a flexible start and children can arrive between 9 – 9.10 am.

Staffing updates

We are delighted to welcome Miss Tait as our new class teacher to P1/2 and Miss Morgan as our new Early Years Practitioner supporting our children in the Red Unit. Miss Black will be joining our team next week. Miss Black will be covering P7C one day a week and supporting our PE and outdoor learning. At present, Mr Sturrock is teaching in P5A until Miss McKay is able to join us.

Monster March



Our Monster March context certainly caused a lot of excitement and lots of rich learning across the school. Our Monster Expeditions with P1 – 3 were a highlight of last term. We have captured some of the learning on a Thinglink. [Please click here to explore our Monster World!](#)

We would really appreciate your feedback to help us shape future contexts and expeditions. Please could you complete this [google form](#) – it won't take more than four minutes.

Transitions

Our P1 Transition information will be with you shortly. **Please remember to accept your P1 place through Firmstep** by Friday 23rd April. Our current P1 pupils are helping to organise Outdoor Transition Expeditions which are looking fantastic! We will be using Seesaw for Transitions and you will see a Transition Class being added to your account. If you have any issues with this, please contact Mrs Hewitt or Miss Russell. We are working with the Academy to plan our P7 Transitions and will share information with you as soon as we have it. P7 are very busy helping to plan lots of exciting events for their last term and we look forward to sharing these with you.

Early Learning and Childcare

March saw us develop our [Play@Home Thinglink](#) which had a Monster theme to tie in with the school context for learning. Thank you to all our families who embraced the activities and shared them on Seesaw. This month we have sent home Growing Kits and a Play@Home Thinglink for the context, What can we grow? We are looking forward to watching how your seeds grow and also see how some of the other gardening activities turn out.

Reporting to parents

Our school reports will be emailed to families the week beginning 12th May. Our Parent's Meetings will be during the week beginning 26th May. These will be phone call interviews with your class teacher.



April Context – What can we grow?

Learning across the four contexts April 21 What can we grow?



This month we are looking closely at our own school grounds and continuing with our weekly outdoor expeditions. This week the classes have been exploring and the playground has been filled with children investigating, recording, identifying, collecting, measuring and observing. The levels of engagement have been fantastic and there has been a real buzz around the school. Our youngest learners in the Early Learning and Childcare setting have been getting involved in the excitement of this context. They are having their own weekly expeditions on Woody Wednesdays to the wooded area of the school playground! We look forward to sharing the results of our efforts through our next Thinglink.

Please remember that we are all outdoors most days, so please can you ensure children have plenty of warm clothes if the weather changes. And if this wonderful sunshine continues, please put on sun protection in the morning. Children can take in sun protection with them but will have to take responsibility for putting it on due to Covid restrictions.

Future Expeditions

May – What can the wind power? We are delighted that Global Energy Group are providing fantastic resources to support this context. Watch out for the school grounds filling with windmills, kites and wind turbines!

June – What can our bodies do? P7 are organising sports festivals for the whole school! We can't wait to see what they do.

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