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Dear Family,

Welcome back to school! It has been lovely to see so many of the bumblebees excited to come into the classroom. We have been really impressed with the fantastic attitude towards learning the bumblebees have been displaying so far.

Bumblebee Staff

This year, the bumblebee teachers will be Mrs Firman on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Farley on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Miss Walker will continue to teach the children PE and Mrs Allgood will teach bumblebee art. The Bumblebee teaching assistant will be Mrs Allgood on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Mrs Allison on Friday.

Curriculum

Bumblebee classroom will be set up for continuous provision this year. This means that the children will have the freedom to choose their own learning from the carefully selected resources that are in the classroom and a lot of the children's learning will happen through play. This allows us to keep our curriculum centred around the interests and specific needs of each child, whilst also achieving the objectives from the National Curriculum. During the day, the bumblebee children will experience a mixture of discrete lessons, teacher guided activities as a class or as part of a small group, independent challenges or freedom to choose their own learning within the classroom or outdoor area.

As a school, we continue to use the Little Wandle scheme of phonics. The children will receive a daily input for phonics, and a guided reading session 3 times a week. We ask that you continue to listen to your child read their phonically decodable book every day and record their progress in their reading diary.

Our whole school project for Autumn term is called 'Belonging' and our enquiry question is 'Where do I fit in my world?' Across the next term, we will aim to answer that question with the children through our learning across the curriculum.

In English, the first book we will cover is called 'In Our Hands'. Later in the term, we will be covering 'Leaf' and 'Traction Man'.

In history, the class focus will be 'Nurturing Nurses'. The bumblebees will be learning specifically about Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell. In geography, the children will be learning about the local area by practising their fieldwork and map skills. In science, the class will be learning about the human body and how to look after it, as well as the five senses. After half term, we will move onto seasonal changes. In music, the children will be practising singing and in art they will be learning to use watercolours.

In RE, the children will answer the enquiry question, 'How do Christians belong to their faith family?' and then after half term, 'What does the nativity story teach Christians about Jesus?'

PE

PE will be taught on a Wednesday and a Friday. Please send your child into school on a Wednesday and Friday in their PE kit.

We look forward to getting to know the children more over the next term!

Kind regards,

Mrs Farley and Mrs Firman