

## Hello and Welcome to the Autumn term

Welcome to Year 3/4. We are delighted to welcome you all back to school after a challenging year and are looking forward to getting to know you all throughout the next academic year. We have an exciting term ahead with a stimulating and creative curriculum planned.

## Update on the Curriculum 'Here We Are'

We started our term with our whole school text – Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers. We have read the book and have been thinking all about our world and who is in it. This has helped us to think about friendships and working together as a class.

## Reading

Children should continue to read at home every night and sign their reading records to confirm that they have done so. Please ask your child questions about what they are reading and encourage them to talk about their books to make sure they are improving their understanding and comprehension skills.

In **Reading**, the children have been reading Fortunately The Milk by Neil Gaiman and in **English** the core text is Cinnamon, also by Neil Gaiman.

In **Maths**, the children will cover Place Value, looking at; counting, finding more or less than a given number, ordering and comparing and placing numbers on a number line. Year 3 will be focusing on 3-digit numbers and year four will look at 4-digit numbers This includes reading and writing numbers and understanding the value of each digit.

In **Science**, our topic is 'Rocks'. The children will learn about the 3 types of rocks, how they are formed, test the permeability of rocks, observing what happens to different types of rocks when acid (vinegar) is put on them and understand how we know that dinosaurs existed by looking at fossils; where they are found and what they tell us.

In **IPC**, we are studying the unit 'The Generation Game', from which we will learn about the stages of human life. The children will look at the aging process, using Art to show the difference between different age groups.

## Our Core Values

At Paxton, our eight Core Values weave a thread across all aspects of school life and provide us with a common language which binds us together and creates articulate, confident leaders of tomorrow.

**Resilience** – we are determined to succeed. We never give up.

**Excellence** – we strive to reach our potential and are committed to excellence.

**Success** – we value achievement and celebrate success

**Pride** – we take pride in everything we do.

**Equality** – we are all valued members of our community. Everyone is treated fairly.

**Care** – we look after our community, showing we care through our words and actions

**Teamwork** – we work as a team because together we achieve more.

## Work, Rest and Play

- Arrive on time and have a good night's sleep
- Please arrive in your P.E kit (we cannot change in the classrooms) **on Mondays and Wednesdays**
- **Please always bring a labelled water bottle**
- Reading books/ records must be brought in to school every day.

## The move

On **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Paxton will be closed to children**, as the staff move to Paxton, London Road.

**Please note:** Children in Year 3/4 will enter the building through the main entrance on London Road

## Change to the INSET Day

The Inset day which was planned for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. has moved to **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**.

**Half-term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October.**

Please remember to send your child into school with a labelled bottle of water to keep them hydrated during lessons

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
English	English	English	English	English
PE	Science	PE	IPC	Science
IPC	RE/PSHE	Music	IPC	Spanish