

### Hello and Welcome to the Autumn term 2021

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

We started our term with our whole school text –the 'Colour Monster' written by Anna Llenas. In class, the children have begun to explore and their feelings and emotions. 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.

In **Literacy**, we are reading 'Journey to Jo'burg' which is set in South Africa during the apartheid, which is the period of history that we are studying in humanities. During our English lessons we are focusing on writing to inform, which is also inspired by this book.

In **Maths**, we are learning about calculations strategies and applying these to word problems. In order for the children to be successful in these sessions, it is really important that they have instant recall of their times table, so please ensure that your child is practicing these are part of their homework. We will be looking at how much sugar we are meant to eat in a day and comparing it to how much sugar is in different foods that we eat.

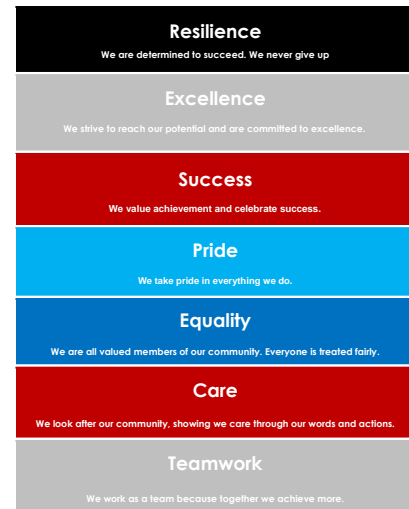
During **Science** lessons, we are learning about animals including humans. We are learning about the circulatory system, the digestive system and how exercise and diet affects our bodies.

For **Humanities**, we are studying the apartheid in South Africa and how this affected people both locally and globally.

In **Design and Technology**, we are learning about breads from around the world. We shall be trying and tasting some different recipes. We will then think about flavours that we really enjoy and use this to design our own bread by adapting the recipes that we have tried.

### Our Core Values

At Paxton, our Core Values weave a thread across all aspects of school life. They are displayed in every classroom and provide the children and staff with a common language which binds us together and creates articulate, confident leaders of tomorrow.



### Work, Rest and Play

- Arrive on time and have a good night's sleep
- Please arrive in your P.E kit Thursday and Fridays
- Please always bring a labelled water bottle
- Reading books/ records must be brought in to school everyday.

### Homework Expectations

**Reading:** Children should 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.

**Maths:** Children need to practice their times tables on Times Table Rock Stars each week. The more regularly they practice the more proficient they will be. In Year 6, I will also be sending home a small set of 5 arithmetic questions each week to help prepare them for the SATs at the end of the year.

**Parent Workshop: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 8:45 – 9:15**  
This will be to discuss homework and an opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

Children are asked to bring a bottle of water into their classroom to remain hydrated during lesson

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Reading	English	Steel pans/Spanish	Science	English
English	Music/RE	Maths	Maths	PE (SOUL)
History	Maths	English	English	Maths
	PSHE	D&T	PE	Computing