



## Autumn Forget-me-not class (Y4) newsletter

Welcome to the new school year! We are called 'Forget-me-not' class!



We have already created our own pictures of the flower for a classroom display.

We had a great day on Friday, adjusting being back into school life. Both Mrs Rimmer and I are really looking forward to the year ahead.

In this first week, we are doing some settling in school work based on the book '*Here we are, notes for living on Planet Earth*' by Oliver Jeffers.

Our new topic is 'Blue Abyss', where we will be going on a deep sea adventure!

We have some suggestions for this half term's topic homework too if you are ready to start it at home. They are on the home learning ideas sheet attached. The children don't need to bring this into school until the week beginning October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Here are some of the exciting activities we will be doing during this topic:

- We will be writing poems inspired by our favourite sea creatures will help us to develop a rich vocabulary.
- Using atlases, to identify the world's oceans and seas.
- After locating the Great Barrier Reef on a map, we'll learn about the risks it faces.
- We'll also find different ways of grouping living things.
- Diving back into the 1800s, we'll learn all about the HMS *Challenger*. We'll research Jacques Cousteau and write biographies about his exciting explorations. As a challenge, we'll create model submarines using recycled materials.
- We will be researching various sea creatures before our own masterpieces for a classroom display.

**Homework** Each child will have a reading book this week (wb 07/09/20). Homework will follow, (and we will let you know in good time via text) but we are allowing the children to settle in for now into their school routine.

**Reading** Please keep reading at home regularly with your child, and sign the yellow reading record. We will read all comments as usual, but will have our own teacher/TA records in school. We have a class target of 3 x per week. If the whole class get their record signed 3 times in one week - they will all receive a treat! Your child can swap their book every day before/after lunchtime.

**PE sessions** are run every Monday afternoon. This will be outdoor based (weather permitting) as much as we possibly can. Please ensure that your child comes in their PE kit (with a school jumper/cardigan on if needed). Alternatively, they can come with a drawer string bag.

**Y4 Wider Opportunities** (musical instruments) will begin soon. We will send a text with the date. This will be every Thursday afternoon. This will give the children the chance to play the Violins, and is also funded by the school. The class email is [forgetmenot@st-james.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:forgetmenot@st-james.derbyshire.sch.uk)

We are really looking forward to the year ahead! Miss Weir and Mrs Rimmer ☺