

September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We are absolutely delighted to have all children back in the school again; they have settled in brilliantly and are adjusting very well to their new routines and environment.

We recognise a return to school for some children may prove to be challenging after being away from school for so long. We have been working on a curriculum, called a 'recovery' curriculum that will support this transition back into school across the coming months. It is our intention that your child builds on their prior learning and our 'recovery' curriculum will help us to gently return to our curriculum. We will focus on rebuilding relationships with children, developing confidence, self-esteem and resilience as learners and supporting children to re-familiarise themselves with school routines and systems. Please click [here](#) to find our recovery curriculum map and further information on our website.

Our priority over the coming weeks is to rebuild relationships with children and make them feel emotionally safe in their new classroom environment. Through whole school projects, we want to celebrate children coming together again back into the Burlington community. The children have the following projects to look forward to in the coming few weeks:

- Time capsule - children are going to share their experiences of lockdown, put them into a time capsule and we will plant these in the rainbow garden.
- Happiness bags - We want children to feel happy, comfortable and settled in school. Children will decorate their own small happiness bag and this will be a safe place for them to keep a special object that they can bring in from home, e.g. photo, a note from home or a special toy. They will be accessible for your child if they are feeling a bit worried. Teachers will let your child know when they can bring their object into school.
- Art projects which will offer the opportunity to work collaboratively to create a sense of unity.

Alongside the overarching recovery curriculum, teachers have started to re-introduce Maths and English to children in Years 1 and 2; initially in shorter carpet-time sessions but these will increase as the weeks go on and in line with the children's readiness.

Our focus is on ensuring that your child is emotionally secure, happy and ready to re-engage in learning. We would like to reassure you that learning will be revisited and if your child has forgotten any learning concepts it is nothing to worry about. When we feel the time is right for the individual we will challenge them accordingly.

If you or your child have any worries about the transition back to school please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Many thanks,

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(Curriculum lead)