



Dear Parents,

This has been a sad week for us all in the St Catherine's community, as we try to come to terms with the passing of one of our very special pupils.

Yesterday the Inclusion Leader Mrs Evans and I met with our Educational Psychologist Dr Amy Gibb to discuss how we can support the community, especially the parents of the children who knew Ryan or who are aware that an older brother of their friend has passed away. On Monday we hope to provide you with some information on how to support your child in understanding how to manage their feelings when they experience a loss.

Learning Provision

We would like to update you on some additions we have made to your child's learning provision at St Catherine's starting next Monday.

Serial Mash

Serial Mash is now available for Years 1 to 6. This resource provides the children with a class text which they are expected to read throughout the week. The reading expectation will increase depending on the age of the Year Group. The tasks within the Literacy activities on the 2Do Lists will be based on this class text which should further engage the children and provide them with a greater purpose for writing.

The Class text and the corresponding activities will be included in the 15 tasks on the 2Do Lists as this number is proving to be successful so far. We hope the children enjoy the texts that have been chosen and begin to talk about them on their Class Blog.

Teaching Blog

Next week you will also see our new Teaching Blog on PurpleMash. The purpose of this blog is for teachers to either upload videos of them teaching a concept in English or Maths or alternatively it may be a Youtube video doing the same thing. The idea is for the Teacher to be able to address any misconceptions that have taken place in the children's learning that week or for the Teacher to teach or remind the children of a concept in preparation for the following weeks 2Do List.

Moving forward we hope to upload 2 videos onto the teaching blog every week. One Literacy based and one Maths based. Be patient with us next week as we may have some technical issues which we will try to overcome as soon as possible. Please note you won't see the child's teacher but you will hear them while they refer to some writing, numbers, sound cards or slides.

Tapestry

The Nursery and Reception parents have been enjoying the Tapestry teaching and learning that has taken place. We hope to continue with this as we can see your children are really enjoying carrying out their activities and receiving the feedback from the Teachers and TAs.

Summer Term - New Topics

Next week we will be starting the Summer term of this academic year. The teachers have been preparing new Topic Learning Grids full of engaging activities and Curriculum Letters which will be challenge your child further in their learning. They are on the Year Group page on the school website. Please encourage your child to complete some of these activities in addition to the 2 Do Lists each week especially if they are in the higher year groups.

Suggested Timetable - Optional

For those parents who wish to have a structured timetable for learning each day please see the suggested daily timetables for KS1 and for KS2 on the school website. This is an optional timetable, as we appreciate that every family's situation is very different and may not be able to accommodate this style of learning.

School Website

We appreciate that there is a huge amount of information on our school website and sometimes it is difficult to navigate. Each week we are making changes so that you can access resources and information to support your child's learning with greater ease.

Twitter

Please don't forget to follow our twitter page too for any new updates and activities st catherinesEN5

Thank you

On behalf of all the staff we want to say thank you for your wonderful messages of appreciation for the work we are doing. You have been very kind in sending them, they really make our day and spurs us on to make your child's learning opportunities as engaging and fun as they can be. We're really proud of what they've achieved so far!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Take care of yourselves and be safe

Best wishes

St Catherine's School