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Dear Parents,

Voyager Class Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to Voyager Class 2019-20. We hope that you have all had a great summer! The class will be taught by Mrs Pembleton and Mrs Williams will teach Maths on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. In addition, the children will be supported by Mrs Rackham (Monday – Thursday) and Mrs Stephens (Fridays). Mrs Jones will also be working in the class as an SEN 1-1 teaching assistant.

Curriculum

As you can see on our attached Medium Term Plans, there is a lot of exciting learning planned for this half term. We have posed ourselves a research question for the term, which is: *'How can we work to form a tolerant and respectful community?'* This question is inspired by our English text for this half term: *Island* by Armin Greder. In all aspects of the curriculum we will be, in one way or another, considering possible answers to this question – as well as learning much, much more!

School Diaries

Your son/daughter will have brought home a reading and homework diary last week, which we would like them to cover so it lasts the year. The reading and homework diary encourages independence and helps the children to organise themselves. In these books children can record clubs, spellings, tables, homework and their reading. We ask that you sign their homework diary every Thursday. Children should read every week day and read to an adult at least three times a week. Please could you ensure that you add a short comment and sign the book each time you hear your child read. The children must keep a record of the pages that they have read each day of the week, on the day that they have read. We will then sign the diaries on a Friday and if required add any comments that either you or your child needs to be aware of.

P.E

There is lots going on for sport and activity this term! Please keep an eye out for sports fixture news in the school newsletter. These activities and fixtures will provide opportunities for your child to learn a new sport or to represent Horrington School.

P.E. will continue to take place on **Fridays** and children will be expected to arrive at school in their PE kit, which includes: red Horrington School T-shirt; all black unbranded shorts or tracksuit bottoms; Horrington School Tracksuit top; and white socks and trainers.

In addition to this, Year 5 and Year 6 will be taking part in a unihoc lesson on **Thursday** afternoons (please arrive in PE kit on Thursdays too!) for the duration of this term. This has been funded through the school's PE and School Sport Premium Fund and has been organised to offer all children access to the opportunity to try new sports. If your child is interested in further sports opportunities after-school, please read through our clubs list for this term.

Equipment

Children will always be expected to have a reading book and a pencil case (no larger than a reading book) which contains: a pencil; a rubber; a small ruler; a pencil sharpener, which holds the sharpening; highlighters; whiteboard pen and a glue stick. These are essential pieces of equipment that your child will use every day and it will help your child if each is labelled clearly. Children will be given a pen, pencil and whiteboard pen at the start of the term. A reusable water bottle must also be brought to school and taken home every day. In addition to this, please can children keep an old t-shirt or shirt (for art lessons) in their school bags.

Homework

This will be set every Thursday and the children should put their finished homework in the tray in the back of the classroom by the following Wednesday. Typically, there will be a task related to their maths learning during the week (it may be pre-learning) or practising an area taught during the week) and a task related to their English learning. Homework will be discussed in greater depth at our Voyager Class Parent information session.

Communication

Please come along to the class meeting with Mrs Pembleton for further information, on Wednesday 11th September at 5:45pm.

We will be very happy to meet with you should you have any questions or concerns you wish to raise. Please feel free to pop in at the end of the school day (except Wednesday as it is staff meeting evening).

We look forward to an intriguing and exciting half term!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Pembleton, Mrs Williams, Mrs Rackham and Mrs Stephens