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Dear Parents,

Voyager Class Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to Voyager Class 2020-21. We hope that you have all had a great summer given the circumstances! The class will be taught by Mr Randall. In addition, the children will be supported by Mrs Rackham.

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: 'What skills do we need to be virtual adventure travel reporters in our changing world?' This question is inspired by our English text for this half term: Shackleton's Journey by William Grill. 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 now use Google Classroom to record their reading at home. This stops children from carrying an extra book between home and school. Google Classroom will be available this coming week.

P.E

Presently there are no plans for school sports fixtures. We are hoping this will change at some point in the future in order to give the children the chance to represent the school and take part in out of school sports.

P.E. will take place on **Thursdays** 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.

Equipment

Children will always be expected to have a reading book they will take home and return to school when finished and a reading book which will stay in school. A pencil case (no larger than a reading book) which contains: a pencil; a rubber; a small 15cm ruler; a pencil sharpener, which holds the sharpening; highlighters; a small selection of coloured pencils; 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. The school will provide the children with a pen, pencil, whiteboard pen, whiteboard and whiteboard rubber. Their pencil case will stay in school to minimise the sharing of items between home and school. 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 on Google Classroom and the children should upload their responses 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 with a focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Communication

We will be very happy to have a conversation with you should you have any questions or concerns you wish to raise. Please contact the office to make a telephone appointment.

We look forward to an intriguing and exciting half term!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Randall and Mrs Rackham