

Northlew Parents Forum -Tuesday 25th May, 3:30 - 4:30pm

Teaching and Learning

- Developments with the curriculum

Mrs Cook discussed the planning meeting that had happened this week with staff from three of the Moorland Hub schools. The Autumn term planning will provide more opportunities for the children to come together as teachers are planning one curriculum and sharing ideas, planning and resources. They are already planning exciting trips and visits to enhance the curriculum and want to develop closer links with the community and get involved with a wider network of people. One parent has offered to support with recycling and saving the planet ideas.

- Collaboration within the Moorland Hub schools

Our schools are planning more together providing opportunities for all our children. Miss Scullion has planned in an inter-schools Sports Day competition for the top scorers of our school's individual sports day events to have an overall Moorland Winner. With teachers sharing planning we will be able to provide the children with more opportunities to come together.

- Trips and visits

To continue to keep the children safe and following our Covid health and safety risk assessment, we will not be planning any trips or visits next half term but hope to get some trips organised for the Autumn term. Rev. Leigh will be joining us fortnightly after the after term to lead worships and we hope to begin our open the book team join us too.

- Maths project - linked with NPQH course

Mrs Cook discussed a maths project she will be developing across both schools developing the children's understanding of language to explain their mathematical reasoning. She will be running parent workshops at the beginning of the Autumn term to support parents to support their children.

- RE/PSHE project - linked with middle leadership course

Mrs Lee has been exploring different programs of learning - SCARF to develop the PSHE (personal, social, health education curriculum). This will be shared practice across Northlew, Boasley Cross and Highampton Primary Schools. Mrs Lee has shared some planned lessons she has organised with other staff across the three schools to trial after the half term break.

Behaviour

- Feedback on behaviour

There have been very few incidents regarding behaviour of the children at Northlew. Most children have managed their behaviour well and reminders from staff have encouraged them to make 'yes please' behaviour choices. Reminders have helped to support children to stop,

reflect and think about the choices that they have made and consider make the right choice for themselves which many of our children do.

- Development and impact of nurture groups

Following such a disrupted year, we have felt strongly about the importance of mental health and wellbeing of all our children. Our timetabled nurture groups are well received by children involved and we can definitely begin to see the impact within the children's behaviour and attitude both inside and outside the classroom.

- Reflection diary - class 2 / feedback and teacher recording class 1

Using the reflection diary, Mrs Lee is spending time developing the children's ability to reflect on the positive aspects of their day to build self-esteem, the children are recording this in a diary. Mr Thomas is completing this weekly with the children verbally.

School leadership developments

- Librarians - lunchtime reading group

After the half term, our librarians will be running a lunchtime reading club for class 1 children. This will provide more time for book talk and continue to develop the love for reading and reading for pleasure.

- Virtual library

The librarians are still busy working behind the scenes on their virtual libraries that we hope to share with you all soon.

- Sports leaders - development of sports day events

Our sports leaders will be busy next half term helping to organise and co-ordinating sporting events for sport day practices both at break and lunch as well as during lesson time.

- Organisation/interest in clubs for the Autumn term

Next half term the sports leaders will be questioning the children about the clubs and activities they would like to participate in for the autumn term.

- School Council/Ethos - organisation of 'School Fate' - Friday 25th June

Teams meeting for PTFA on Friday 28th May to organise events, more information will follow after the half term

Spiritual Area

- Really need parent volunteers/donations - keen to have something to share on fate day

Any parent volunteers willing to come and help sort the spiritual area please contact the office. If anyone as anything they wish to donate to our spiritual area please peak to Mrs Lee

- Art project with class 2

We are pleased to invite Adela the local artist who will be working with the children in class 2 to create smaller mosaics for the spiritual area.

Any other Business

➤ **Year 5/6 Residential**

Parents of year 5/6 children would have received a letter this week with more information about our residential next half term. The children will be camping at school and spending both days out participating in a range of activities.

➤ **School logo**

After half term we will be looking at what our school means to use and how this could be portrayed through our school logo. We will be asking the children to get creative and brainstorm ideas for a new logo for our school uniforms. More information to follow next half term.