



Back to school next week!

We are so happy to be welcoming the children back on 8th March! We will follow the one way system in operation from September, with a 'soft start' from 8.50-9.05am and a 'soft finish' from 2.50-3.05pm. Hedgehogs, Puffins and Kingfishers have a slightly different arrangement – please check the letter sent earlier this week.

For now, reading will remain on 'Bug Club'. If you need help with it, please contact Miss Cargill. We hope to return to physical books as soon as we can.

Our focus for the next week is on reconnecting with the children: celebrating what they have done at home, and helping them to re-engage with school learning. We will be beginning to assess them using informal methods and carefully planned assessment activities, and this will help us address any learning needs. These learning needs may include social skills, play skills, learning attributes and physical needs as well as maths concepts, phonics and reading and writing skills. For us, the whole child is important.

Please continue to follow all Covid rules to make this the **last** lockdown!

With love,
Dr Mitchell

Dates for your diary:

(New dates will be in red)

•Friday 19th March – Bug Club Day – details to come

•Friday 26th March – Wear a silly hat day (hat making in school)

•Thursday 1 April, final day of Spring Term

•Friday 2 April-Friday 16 April incl. Easter Holiday

•WB 26 April Parent Consultations by phone, arrangements to be confirmed

•Thursday 6th May, school closed for elections

•Thursday 27th May, class photos

•Friday 28th May INSET – school closed to children

•Monday 31 May-Friday 4 June, Half Term

•Friday 23 July, last day of term

All Year Groups Learning Round Up

Last week all year groups finished their Spring 1 topics and have spent this week enjoying World Book Day, with a focus on illustrations.

From March 8th all home learning (for children isolating etc.) will be posted on Tapestry as a 'memo' instead of an 'observation', and we hope this will allow more control over content.

Book Week: 'Inspiring Illustrators'

Many thanks to everyone who has thrown themselves into learning about these wonderful illustrators. We have indeed seen how inspiring they can be from the WONDERFUL creations we have seen.

What a lovely way for the children to enjoy their first lunch back at school by seeing learning from both home and school in our hall. This link between the two locations can be a really powerful one.

This display is a work in progress – we can add lots more so do please post on Tapestry or send to specialprojects@downsinf.brighton-hove.sch.uk.



We have enjoyed our weekly bedtime stories so much that we have decided to continue them until Easter. You can join them at 6.30pm every Thursday:

Webinar ID: 865 2924 0218

Passcode: 514827



Bring your teddies and join Miss Cargill, Dr Mitchell and special guests for a special story time.

Miss Cargill says 'Thank you' to all her lunchtime club! Keep in touch and keeeeeeep reading!



Chair of Champions! This week: Celebrating all our 'lockdown legends'!

