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Hi and welcome back to school! We hope you've had a fantastic summer holidays, having lots of fun and are now ready and raring to go for another school year. Class lists have changed slightly to adapt to the needs of the children but all classes have exciting activities planned, focused on team building and resilience, ready to help children settle into their new class.

## English

This half term we will be studying a play by Willy Russell called 'Blood Brothers'. We will be exploring the context of the play as well as how the characters and the plot are developed. There will be focus on reading aloud and we will continue to develop our writing skills for a variety of purposes. Our class novel this half term is 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman.

## Science

As usual, we will have two science lessons per week. We will follow the KS3 curriculum for Science, promoting an appreciation for awe and wonder. Our focus this term is 'Adaptation, competition, natural selection and evolution.'

## Personal Development Programme

We are introducing our very own Personal Development programme at Park Aspire. This programme will structure and reward the different activities children do in and out of school. Most notably, we will provide opportunities for children to develop their personal, social and work-related skills and then children can earn various badges and certificates based on their achievements. Specifically, the Personal Development Programme will enable children to: recognise their own personal qualities and abilities; choose some topics they would like to learn about; explore new activities and become more confident in trying new things.

### How you could support your child:

- Show an interest in what your child is learning about;
- Ensure they come to school in the right uniform with the right equipment;
- Keep in contact with school regarding any relevant issues






## Maths

In Maths, we are going to continue delivering the White Rose scheme, in accordance with the national curriculum. As a school, we understand one of our core targets is to best prepare children for transitioning back into a mainstream setting. As such, we maintain high standards of our pupils, aiming to deliver as close to age-related expectations as possible. Our Maths emphasis is on fluency and practice, and depth over breadth, in order to give our children the best chance of success. We will focus on 'Place Value & Proportion' and 'Applications of Number.'

## PSHE

This year, PSHE and Personal Development will continue to be an integral part of our curriculum at Park Aspire. 'Health and Well-Being' will be the focus for this term, where we will look at a variety of ideas. A lot of the work undertaken will be discussion led, whereby we will look at different potential scenarios based on that day's learning objective. Some of the topics will contain mature themes so we will always seek to promote an open-minded and respectful approach. Our main focus will be 'Behaviour and Achievement'.

## Extra-Curricular Opportunities

-  Fishing
-  Building Futures – Plumbing and electric development
-  Doe Park
-  Changing Lives Through Horses – Horse riding and equine management
-  Hair & Beauty