# Curriculum update

2/11/20

## Independent children...

As always, it is brilliant to see the children engaging in our 'independent' challenges and they are so proud of themselves when they are shared in the classroom with their friends. This week's challenge is a follow on from the previous challenge surrounding table manners and using a knife and fork.

New challenge – To scrape your plate/bowl after finishing your food. If there isn't any food left on the bowl/plate to take responsibility for your things and either place it in the washing up bowl or dishwasher (bonus if you wash it up too). The children take responsibility for their plate and cutlery when eating their lunch in school and they are brilliant at it! Please send any photos to admin@madley.hereford.sch.uk.

#### Outdoor area

Over half term we have been very lucky to have had our outdoor area covered. There have been blinds and fences added to the side of the frame to help it become an area we can use in any weather.

I have already added a few things to the outdoor area but I think its important the children share their opinions of things they would like to play (although we have already discussed there isn't room for a seesaw or a roundabout). We spent the morning outside sweeping the leaves and tidying the toys that had blown away whilst thinking what else we could add. The children had some brilliant ideas including: a stage, a reading den, writing table, dinosaur pit and car garage. We talked about how we wouldn't be able to do all of them but we could work together to try and bring a few of them to life. We will let you know we get on!

#### Welcome back!

It was lovely to see lots of smiley faces this morning and the children came back into school brilliantly. They were excited to see one another and have had a brilliant morning. We hope you have had a good half term break and enjoyed some time together. We have spent the morning sharing some of the things that we have been doing and the children have been so excited to share some of the adventures they have had - I hope you managed to have some rest too!

## Reading

With today being the first day back, we are unable to send reading books home today as we need to quarantine them. Therefore, just for this week books will be coming home on <u>Wednesday</u>. Please then return them on <u>Friday</u> as normal.

I know this will mean less days for the children to read with you but the books have to be quarantined before we are allowed to send them back out.

If books don't come back to school then we will be unable to send new books back out. We have a limited amount of books in school therefore, it is imperative that they are returned on time please!

## PE and Irish dancing

We are very lucky that our Irish dancing will continue this term every Thursday and our other PE lessons will continue to be every Wednesday. As it is now becoming colder, the children may be warmer in leggings or jogging bottoms. If so, these should be black/navy in line with the same colour of their PE shorts please.