

Autumn Term in the Balloon Room



September 2020

Dear Parents,

I am so excited to welcome your child into this classroom. It has been a crazy few months for everyone and it will be marvellous to get back to some kind of normality.

Classroom Organisation.

I will be teaching all the maths, science, PE and PSHE. Rebecca will be teaching literacy, history and oracy. Elisa will be teaching art and geography.

We are excited that all children will now be learning Spanish once a week.

PE

We are obviously very restricted at present with the amount of sport we can do; especially with Golden Lane Leisure Centre currently closed, but we are delighted that we have secured two PE sessions:

Wednesday: The class will take a coach to Coram's Fields for an extended sports session. Please note that we will not return to school until 4.30pm.

Friday: We have a PE session at Finsbury Leisure Centre. Please be aware that we will leave dead on 9am to make our way to the centre.

Reading

We continue to put great emphasis on reading. Balloon Room children are given greater freedom over what they can read. Due to current restrictions, we only have access to the library on Thursday afternoons; therefore our new policy is that the children take out a book on Thursday and cannot return it or choose a new one until the same time the following week. If a child finishes a book early, they will have to read something from home. It is vitally important that reading records are updated daily; we check these each morning.

Humanities and Science

Here are the topics the Balloons will be covering this term.

Geography: Earthquakes and Volcanoes. The children will be learning about earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis, tectonic plates and major fault lines around the world

History: World War II A brilliant topic; the class will be covering the causes of the war, the major events, the major players and the effects of war. We are hoping to arrange a trip to the Imperial War Museum.

Science: Electrical circuits. The children will adore this topic; exploring electricity through constructing their own circuits.

Well-being. Obviously the most important aspect your child's education right now; there will be constant opportunities throughout the curriculum for children to share their thoughts and experiences of the global crisis, these will be further explored in PSHE lessons.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or queries about any aspect of your child's development.

I look forward to getting to know you all.

Kindest regards,

Robert.

