



NANSTALLON SCHOOL

AD VITAM PARAMUS

18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Welcome to the Mighty Dragons.**

I would like to start by thanking all of the children in the Mighty Dragons for coming back after the summer holidays with such a positive attitude towards their learning. Some of them had only had one day in school since March, so it has been great to welcome them back and to see them returning happy and healthy.

As Year 5 and Year 6 children, we are developing a greater sense of responsibility, with children not only taking control of their learning through a child led curriculum, but also by helping and supporting younger children across the school by modelling good behaviours and leading by example. This is something The Mighty Dragons are really thriving with; we will continue to develop this across the year as we set up our school council and playground leaders.

We have started the year with our child led topic 'Rise of the Machines'. Through this we will be looking at electricity in Science and coding in Computing. You will be able to keep up with what your children are doing at school by signing into the Seesaw family app. If you are having problems with this don't hesitate to contact me.

The children have received their reading journals for the term, and have had chance to choose their own reading book. Children can choose books from our class library or from the library area in the main corridor. They should have their books with them in school every day. We still value your help with listening to them read and quizzing them about the stories, themes and characters but request that your child take responsibility for recording their daily reading in their reading journal; you can then check and sign at the bottom of the page each week.

### **Home learning**

As we progress through the year there will be a variety of home learning activities sent out through Seesaw. Alongside this, children should regularly practise their spellings (spelling lists are on their Seesaw journals), multiplication tables, and be encouraged to read aloud.

### **Learning outside the classroom.**

Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day. Not only will this keep them warm and dry at play and lunch times, but will also mean that we are able to get outside and extend our learning into the 'real world'.

We will have PE every Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday afternoons (1 in 3 weeks), and Thursday afternoons (2 in 3 weeks). We will be doing this outside whenever possible. Please ensure that your child has suitable and appropriate kit, which can be kept in school in their lockers. As a point of safety, please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed on PE days.

On a Thursday morning we will have our Forest school session down in the woods. Children will need to be dressed appropriately for this in old clothes, with long trousers and long sleeves, a coat and a pair of wellies. They can arrive at school in their Forest school gear, bringing either their school uniform or PE kit to change into when they are finished.

### **Health and Wellbeing**

*"If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water."* – Loren Eiseley

Food and water are our body's fuel. Please ensure that your child has a healthy snack each day, and a water bottle which they can keep refilled with cold fresh water from the dispenser in the hall. As a school we understand that we cannot perform optimally if we are hungry or thirsty, therefore have made the decision that children can eat their snack whenever they need to throughout the morning.

I am really excited about what this year holds in store for The Mighty Dragons, and must reiterate what a fantastic start we have had so far. The children really are setting a great example to their peers. Please feel free to get in touch should you have any queries or concerns, either leave a message with at the office, or contact me through Seesaw.

Regards,

Mr. A. Langdon