

## Blickling newsletter Autumn 2020

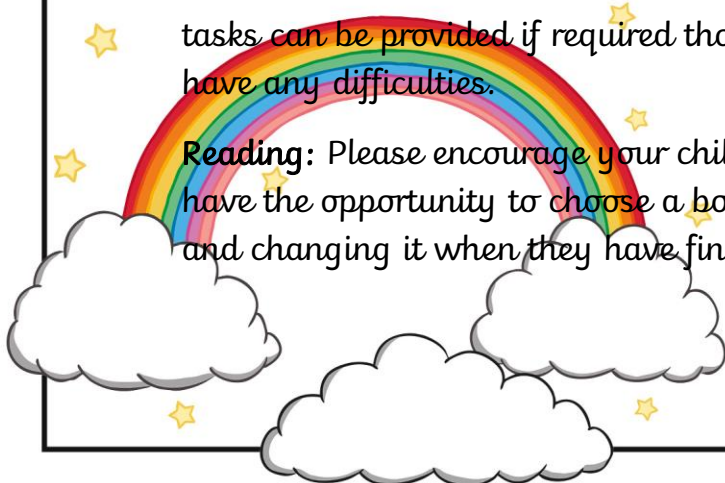
It has been fantastic to see the children back in school and how well they have adapted to the new routines. Things may be slightly different this year so hopefully this newsletter will explain some of the changes.

**Curriculum:** This half term our topic work will be based around the continent of North America. Next half term there will be a science focus of 'Living Things'. Some of our English work will link with these topics using a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry to inspire our writing, incorporating specific grammar and punctuation skills and spelling rules. We will be working on our reading comprehension in our weekly guided reading sessions. In maths, we will begin by focussing on place value and more formal methods for addition and subtraction and continue improving our times tables fluency.

**PE:** Our PE sessions are on Monday and Wednesday and the children have been fantastic at remembering to come to school prepared for these lessons.

**Google Classroom/websites:** Many children used Google classroom and other websites successfully for home learning so we will continue to use these to set homework and share our learning. Google classroom can be accessed on desktops and laptops as well as tablets and phones. The Google classroom app is useful to 'hand in' work completed at home. To use this, download the app and sign in using **your child's** email and password. Homework will be posted on Google classroom. This could be maths and spellings tasks set on the My Maths, Sumdog and/or [www.timestables.com](http://www.timestables.com). The links to these are posted in Google classroom, the children have practised using these in school and have emails containing their passwords. Paper copies of tasks can be provided if required though so please get in touch if you have any difficulties.

**Reading:** Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. They have the opportunity to choose a book to take home to read, returning and changing it when they have finished. (Any books will be



quarantined in school for the required amount of time once returned). They also have another book to read which is kept in school. Please encourage them to record their reading on the Google doc in the Google Classroom or take a photo of the completed page in their planner and upload it via the Google classroom app.

We have really appreciated your support as we all adapt to this new way of working in school. Please do not hesitate to get in touch (via email [scote5nrl@nsix.org.uk](mailto:scote5nrl@nsix.org.uk) or phone the school office) if you have any questions or difficulties so we can resolve any problems.

Mrs Cole and Miss Thompson-Bell





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