

WHITFIELD ST JAMES' CE (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL



July 2021

Dear Children, Parents and Carers

Re: Welcome to the Bluebell Class!

Your Teachers will be Mrs Allan and Mrs Cox, Mrs Colgan will be the Teaching Assistant. We are all looking forward welcoming those families new to our school and excited to be spending another year with those children and families who have been in our nursery.



Mrs Allan



Mrs Cox

Starting school is really exciting, you may have lots of questions. The BBC have created a wonderful resource <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/starting-primary-school/zvbthbk</u> containing games, videos, stories and advice about starting school. This video, although not our school, is a good introduction to the layout and activities on offer: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4v792p</u>



Our first topic is called "*Me and My Community*." As an introduction to a new topic all classes have a "Wow" day, for our first "Wow" day we will having a tour of our school and meeting the members of staff who help us, our office staff, School Cook, Dinner ladies and Caretaker. We will also have a local walk looking at our local community. This project supports children with settling into the new rules and routines of school and encourages them to make new friends and feel confident in their class. It teaches children about being helpful, kind and thoughtful at home and at school. This project also teaches children how they are unique and special, the importance of friendship and how people in their family, school and local community are important and can help them.

We will then lead into our next topic called "*Exploring Autumn*." This project teaches children about the natural changes that happen during the season of autumn, including how the weather changes, why trees lose their leaves and how wild animals prepare for winter.

We hope you are all excited about starting your new class, we are going to have so much fun! Please do use the class email below should you have any questions or queries.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 6th September!

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