

# Duddon St. Peter's CE Primary School



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Dear Parent / Carers,

I would like to bring you up to date with some of the developments that we have been working on over the last couple of terms since Ofsted visited us in the spring.

Firstly, we are very pleased with the way in which everyone has settled into the new class structure since September and with how they have been adapting to the changes we have made in the curriculum. Since the inspection we have been determined to move the school forward and to make the suggested improvements in the way some Foundation subjects are taught.

The school is continuing to take advantage of Local Authority support. This has led to a greater exchange of ideas and knowledge; all the staff have been working very hard to develop new subject planning to ensure more consistency across the curriculum. There have been many opportunities for training, some of which have involved working with the staff from Barrow School. This has been helpful to both schools, and much progress has been made. Staff and governors have evaluated this progress, and the School Development Plan has clear steps to ensure that it continues.

We have researched different ways in which Foundation subjects can be delivered in lessons and are now using some online planning support and resources to help staff be confident that children learn effectively, building on previous knowledge and understanding. Assessment strategies are also under development to cover all subject areas.

We continue to develop a love of reading in the children; collections of fiction in classrooms have been reviewed and developed to assist them in their selection of good quality reading material. Developing the previous Class Two classroom into a library is now an ongoing project to provide a space for quiet reading, book sharing and other activities. We are also aiming to upgrade some of our book collections to give even more opportunities to excite children about their reading.

I hope you agree it is an exciting time for the children, challenging for the staff, but very worthwhile in the changes that are being made. Thank you for your support, and thanks are also due to the staff who have devoted so much time and effort to the new developments which are still ongoing. If you have any questions, please contact me, or speak to a member of staff.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Hudson  
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