








# Our 'back to school' curriculum

At the start of each school term, we like to share an overview of what your children will be learning about when they are here at Edenside. This term, we created a unique, bespoke curriculum that we believe was absolutely essential to enable every child to settle, to flourish and to 'be the best they can be' as we reopened school after 5 months of closure. We will be following this curriculum for the first half term (until October).

There are a number of important factors that have influenced our choices when designing this 'back to school' curriculum:

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|  <p><b>We felt it was vital that our children had plenty of opportunities to reconnect with each other and with the adults.</b></p> |  <p><b>We wanted to provide learning that would meet everyone's needs, regardless of the amount of home-learning completed during lockdown.</b></p> |  <p><b>We wanted to continue with the BIG question approach that we introduced during lockdown.</b></p> |
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With this in mind, our 'back to school' curriculum includes:

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|   |    |   |  <p><b>Whole-school theme</b></p>   |
| <p>Initially studying a selection of specially selected, age-appropriate stories that explore important themes such as challenge and change. Eventually re-engaging with our <i>Active Literacy</i> programme, re-establishing the core skills of reading, writing and discussion.</p> | <p>P2-4: Introducing a new approach (<i>SEAL maths</i>) that provides lots of opportunities to discuss answers and use practical resources to solve problems.<br/>P5-7: Introducing a new programme (<i>Complete Maths</i>) that uses an online platform to support teachers and children.</p> | <p>With the help of Skipper, our puppet friend, revisit our 'resilience toolkit', a set of 10 tools that can help us navigate the ups and downs along the river of life. These tools are important for everyone (children and adults) and include 'take a moment', 'get active' and 'talk about it'.</p> | <p>The first BIG question is 'How can we be ready, respectful and safe as we return to school?' This helps everyone think about the required actions and attitudes. The second BIG question is 'What's out there?' as we become explorers with Phileas Fogg and David Livingstone.</p> |

Our Primary 1 children will be following this curriculum but using a 'play-based' approach. More details about this will follow soon.

During this 'back to school' curriculum, the homework routine and expectations will be different to normal. Reading books and other 'normal' homework won't start for the first few weeks. However, we really appreciate your support with all and any 'home learning' tasks.