

Durand Foundation Phase 'Roots to Rise-Strong like a Tree'



Our Foundation Phase family are really looking forward to inviting our learners back to school. Despite such uncertainty and a lengthy break from school, we are all so proud of the huge effort families have made to ensure your child's well-being and a continuation of some form of "normality" in their learning has been at the heart of your daily routines.

On return to school, staff and children have the exciting opportunity to spend time together, in a safe environment that nurtures confidence and the rebuilding of our school community.

Our blended learning topic will be 'Roots to Rise-Strong like a Tree'; a curriculum that is a bridge between the unsettled times we have been through whilst 'pinning our sights' on a more familiar future of learning. The children and staff will participate in fun activities that enable them to get to know each other again, share experiences, address anxieties and ultimately strengthen well-being; getting used to a group in a space that is prepared, safe and away from their household.

We recognise that pupils and staff alike have been impacted in some way since the beginning of the pandemic and therefore our new topic looks to repair this. There will be a focus on building strength and resilience using the topic 'Roots to Rise-Strong like a Tree' we will explore individual strengths along with worries and wishes for the future. The loving adults, teachers, friends, your thoughts and values are the roots which keep you standing strong.

We understand the importance of the use of the outdoors, and therefore when possible we will use our beautiful school grounds to learn in. Each group has been allocated an area under the trees where we will be creating a rock garden and taking part in other fun activities. In addition to this each child will have their own work pack kept at school. This will include a memory book that can be taken home on their last day so it can be shared and added to at their leisure.

As Hwb is our main learning platform for "Home Learning", we will endeavor to share new skills whilst in class, that can then be transferred and utilized effectively at home to create a "Blended Learning" experience.

Work that the children will have an opportunity to do whilst at school will also be uploaded to Hwb for all of the class to have an opportunity to do if staying home.

Strong like a tree no matter the challenge