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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful week off – the children have returned to school with an eagerness to learn and have already impressed me with their learning, particularly maths, this week. We will be continuing to learn all about 'Sow, Grow and Farm', and we have an exciting trip to 'The Living Black Country Museum' (my favourite place, apart from the KS2 residential), where we will learn all about how important 'growing' was in the Victorian Era. Please await a letter with all the information regarding this upcoming trip.

We are about halfway through our class novel: The Secret Garden, which sees a young girl whose parents die, and she is sent to live with her uncle, where she must discover the secrets of his estate and bring a garden back to life in order to gain her own happiness and save the life of her cousin. We are hoping to get another class novel read before the Easter holidays, and the children have opted for a thriller by Robert Swindells.

This term, Science will focus on Living Things and their Habitats. The children will learn all about 'The Classification Code'. They will describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics & based on similarities & differences, including microorganisms, plants & animals. Skills in working scientifically will also be developed through recording data and results of increasing complexity, reporting, and presenting findings from enquiries and identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.

The RE 'big question' is: Was the death of Jesus a worthwhile sacrifice? Children will already be familiar with the basics of the Easter story, so this term they will focus in on the theological and practical significance of the death of Jesus. The children will learn that Christians believe that Christ died for a purpose and that he gave his life for others. They will see the links between the death of Jesus and the Passover lamb, and the sacrifices made on the day of Atonement. They will know that Jesus had the freedom not to die; but chose to and that the words of forgiveness spoken on the cross can be understood to apply to all humans. They will know the words salvation and atonement and be able to show how Christians celebrate Easter as a result of these beliefs.

HOMEWORK:

Homework will continue to be daily, set on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. If the children are struggling with any part of this, please do encourage them to come and see me and I can put some time aside to go through it with them. I do not want any of it to cause any disruption at home.

READING:

As always, **daily reading** is an essential part of any child's learning, not only will it develop their language, thus improving their writing, but also it supports children's knowledge and development of punctuation. 15-20 minutes a day is sufficient and perhaps encouraging your children to read as part of their night-time routine would guarantee consistent reading.



*Let us not love with words or speech
but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18*

PE:

PE will be on a Wednesday, at school, with a tennis coach; and on a Friday, at Charlbury Sports Centre, for our Netball sessions. Please can the children come into school dressed for PE as normal. Polite reminder about PE kit – **plain** navy or black shorts or joggers, and **plain** white t-shirts are required. Children with long hair need to tie their hair up and jewellery removed please.

MUSIC:

Blackman Class will continue to receive fortnightly sessions from the Oxfordshire Music Service; these sessions will cover the National Curriculum using toots and flutes.

CONTACT:

As always, I am in school every morning and after school every afternoon, except all-day Friday, should you wish to see me. If I can help with anything, please do ask - I will always do my very best to support you and your children.

Mrs Abberley

Senior Teacher