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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are again, ready for new beginnings. We do hope that you have all had a wonderful summer spending time with your families. We are really looking forward to welcoming the new children into Blackman Class and ensuring the oldest children in our school are guided academically and socially as they mature over their final years, here at Leaffield Primary. At the top of the school, our children really do set the most fantastic example to the rest of the children, and as well as taking on more responsibilities, they are also granted some privileges – sitting on benches during assembly is quite clearly their favourite!

This Autumn Term, we will be studying the 'Maafa project', your child will learn about Africa today and the ancient kingdoms that thrived on the continent for thousands of years. They will learn about the origins of the transatlantic slave trade in the 15th century and Britain's involvement from the time of Elizabeth I, when John Hawkins became the first British slave trader. Your child will understand the structure of the transatlantic slave trade and the consequences of enslavement for enslaved people. They will also discover how the people of Britain benefited from the money and goods produced by the slave trade. They will learn about the causes and consequences of the abolition of slavery in the 19th century, the worldwide African diaspora, and the European colonisation in Africa. They will explore the lives and actions of black people in 20th century Britain. They will understand how the Race Relations Act of 1965 became the first piece of British legislation to tackle racial discrimination and know that the Equality Act 2010 provides people with protection against racism and other forms of discrimination, today. Your child will also explore the lives of black people who have made significant contributions to Britain and will celebrate black culture in Britain today.

Our novel study is 'Freedom' by Catherine Johnson, where an enslaved Jamaican boy is separated from his family and taken to work in England. His owners, the Barratts, treat him cruelly, but he is determined to escape and earn the money needed to buy his family's freedom. While in London, he attends the *Zong* slave ship's court hearing and learns about the horrors that took place on board.

In Science, the children will learn about the transport role of the human circulatory system, its main parts, and primary functions. They learn about healthy lifestyle choices and the effects of harmful substances on the body.

In R.E, our key question will be, 'How and why do Christians try and make the world a better place?' Children will explore a range of Christian charities and the teachings that underpin them – such as Christian Aid. They will be able to make connections between biblical texts and Christian ideas of stewardship, show how Christians put their beliefs into practice and be able to respond to the idea that Christians have great responsibility for the Earth.

HOMEWORK:

Homework will continue to be daily, set on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Please can you remind the children about getting into good habits with packing their bags and checking they have everything they need for the following school day. Email us if there are any problems with any homework set.

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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.

PE:

PE will take place on Tuesdays (at school), children should come to school dressed for sports, and the children will be swimming every Wednesday afternoon. Our first sport will be football, which will be in preparation for the Burford Partnership Football Tournament.

CONTACT:

As always, we are in school every morning and after school every afternoon, should you wish to see us. If we can help with anything, please do ask – we will always do our very best to support you and your children.

Mrs Merry and Mrs Abberley.