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## **Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome to a brand new school year! My name is Miss Ledbetter, and I am delighted to be your child's class teacher this year. It's lovely to welcome both familiar faces and new ones to our class, and I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the children and supporting them as they learn, grow, and have fun together. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for the term ahead, and I can't wait to see what we will achieve as a class.

## **Topic: Our Wonderful World**

In this exciting and engaging geography-based project, your child will be introduced to key skills and knowledge that will help them make sense of the world around them. They will begin by exploring the difference between physical and human features. Your child will also be developing their map skills. They'll learn how to read simple maps, use map symbols, and understand positional and directional. We will learn about the United Kingdom, including its four countries, their capital cities, and different types of settlements, such as villages, towns, and cities.

## **Literacy**

In Literacy this term, the children will continue to build on their phonics knowledge, using what they've learned to become more confident and independent readers. They will be practising how to blend sounds to read new words and applying this knowledge in their writing as well. We will also focus on reading comprehension, encouraging children to talk about what they read, make predictions, and answer questions to show their understanding of different texts. In writing, we will be developing sentence structure, helping children to write clear and complete sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

## **Science: Everyday Materials**

This term, our science project will focus on helping children understand that all objects are made from different materials. Through hands-on activities and exploration, children will learn to identify a variety of everyday materials such as wood, metal, plastic, glass, fabric, and stone. They will also begin to explore where these materials come from, whether they are natural or man-made. They will explore the basic properties of materials – such as whether they are hard or soft, waterproof or absorbent, transparent or opaque. Through simple experiments and practical observations, they will start to recognise that the properties of a material help determine its suitability for different uses.

## **RE:**

In RE this term, we will be exploring the Jewish faith. The children will learn about some of the key beliefs held by Jewish people, including the belief in one God. They will be introduced to the Shema, a special Jewish prayer, and begin to understand its importance in Jewish daily life. We will also explore how Jewish people celebrate Shabbat.

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The children will learn the names of special objects used during Shabbat, such as challah bread, candlesticks, and the Kiddush cup, and discover some of the traditions and routines that Jewish families follow to mark this special day.

## **PE**

PE will take place on Tuesdays with Mr. Andrews, and then on Friday.

## **Art & Design**

This term, the children will be learning all about shelters, their purpose, how they are used, and the different materials they are made from. We will explore and describe a variety of shelter types before designing and creating their own. Working collaboratively, they will then plan, build, and decorate a shelter using a range of materials and construction techniques. This hands-on project will help develop creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork skills, and children will also have the opportunity to evaluate their finished products and reflect on their learning.

## **Homework**

Homework will continue to be set on Fridays and is due the following Wednesday. Regular reading is encouraged and reading books will be changed on a Thursday. If you have mislaid your reading diary, please let us know and we can replace it.

## **Keeping in Touch**

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me via the school office or catch me for a quick chat at drop-off or pick-up time.

I am looking forward to a fantastic term together.

**Kind Regards,**

Megan Ledbetter

Donaldson Class Teacher