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Be kind, be curious, be you!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely and restful half-term break. I am delighted to welcome your child back as we begin our next learning adventure in Rosen Class.

Topic – One Planet, Our World

This term, the children will be exploring the United Kingdom and the wider world through maps, atlases, globes, and digital tools. They will learn about physical and human features, major cities, UK counties, and countries in Europe (including Russia), as well as North and South America. We will also be practising the eight points of the compass and simple grid references.

Literacy and Class Book

Our class book this half-term is *Oliver and the Seawigs* by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. We will also use *World in Danger* by Frankie Morland and *Somebody Swallowed Stanley* by Sarah Roberts to develop reading comprehension and inspire persuasive writing.

Mathematics

In mathematics, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction, developing fluency and confidence through reasoning and problem-solving activities.

Science

Our science topic is the skeletal system. The children will learn about bones, joints, muscles, and different types of skeletons, and discover how the body moves and protects vital organs.

R.E.

Our big question this half-term is: *How does the worldwide Christian family celebrate, worship, and mark key events?* The children will explore how Christians around the world celebrate Christmas, weddings, baptisms, and other family traditions.

Design and Technology

In *Cook Well, Eat Well*, the children will learn about food groups and the Eatwell Guide. They will explore cooking methods using potatoes and ratatouille and design their own taco filling to meet specific design criteria. Information about ingredients and equipment will be shared nearer the time.

Music and Carol Concert

This term, we will begin preparing for the KS2 Carol Concert, which is always a highlight of the festive season. Rehearsals will start in the coming weeks, and more details about the event will be shared soon.

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Homework

Homework is set on Fridays and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Children are encouraged to complete their work as independently as possible. Please contact me if your child experiences any difficulties.

P.E.

P.E. will take place on Fridays, taught by Mr Andrews. From **14th November**, we will be attending Charlbury Sports Hall for lessons. Please ensure your child arrives in their P.E. kit and brings a clearly labelled water bottle.

Snacks and Belongings

Children may bring a healthy snack and a labelled water bottle that they can open independently. Please check that all belongings, especially jumpers, are clearly named.

Contact

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's learning, please speak to me before or after school, or contact the school office to arrange a convenient time.

I am very much looking forward to a happy and successful half-term in Rosen Class and to celebrating the children's achievements as the weeks progress.

Best regards,

Helen Kelly

Rosen Class Teacher