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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed the amazing weather! The children have returned to school with positivity and smiles. It has been a brilliant couple of days back, and it is great being back in the classroom with your children. We are really looking forward to the term ahead.

This Autumn term, we will be studying the, '**Investigating Our World project.**' Children will study Ordnance Survey maps to write a description of the local area. They will learn about contour lines and revise six-figure grid references to locate features on maps and use scale bars on maps to find the distance between places. Children will learn about the Prime, or Greenwich Mean Time, GMT, and how it is taken from the Prime Meridian. They will know that the Earth is split into 24 time zones and calculate the time in places worldwide. They will find out how climate and vegetation in an area determine the animals that live there. Children will also learn about the human geography of the continents and locate capital cities around the world.

Our study novel is '**Goodnight Mister Tom,**' by Michelle Magorian. The story is set during World War II and follows a young boy called William, who is sent away from London to the countryside as part of the wartime evacuation. Having been treated very badly at home, William finds himself in the care of Mister Tom, a lonely and rather grumpy old man at times. As William settles into his new surroundings, he discovers a new life filled with kindness, friendship, love and care.

In **Science**, the children will consolidate their understanding of the components that make up a circuit, such as a lamp, cell, wire and switch. They will make a range of circuits and use symbols to draw circuit diagrams. Children will learn about electric currents and measure the voltage of different cells. They will discover how cells produce electricity and research questions about cells and batteries. They will also learn how the voltage across a circuit affects the performance of different components.

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 be set on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We endeavour to mark the following morning; however, sometimes (due to lessons overrunning) we may end up marking everything at the end of the week. Email us if there are any problems with any homework set.

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:

This term, PE is on a Friday afternoon. Swimming will be on a Wednesday afternoon, starting on 23rd September. Children should come to school dressed for sports on a Friday.

CONTACT:

Mrs Merry (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) or Mr Heffernan (Thursday and Friday) if you have any questions or need support with anything.

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