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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and were able to spend time with loved ones and get some well-earned rest. Since returning on the 5th September, the children have all settled in well and it has been great getting to know them. Over the next half-term we will be learning the following:

In English, we will be reading, completing drama activities and writing tasks surrounding the book 'Christophe's Story', which is about a young Rwandan refugee, who now lives in the UK. We will also be looking at non-chronological reports and their features and creating and publishing our own reports.

In Maths, we will be focusing on place value, comparing and ordering numbers, rounding numbers, looking at negative numbers and reading and using Roman numerals. Alongside the Maths curriculum we will also be consolidating all the times tables. It is vital that children are confident in recalling these accurately and quickly. We will be starting with the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

In Humanities, our Geography topic is 'The UK', where the children will learn about their local area and where this sits geographically in relation to the rest of the UK. The children will be learning about the four countries that make up the UK and their main cities and counties.

We will also be studying All Aboard in French, feeling and emotions in PSHE, learning about what sort of person I am in RE and starting our music unit on recorders.

We are continuing to learn the National Curriculum's 100 common words (from Years 3 and 4). Please continue to help your child to learn their weekly times tables, spelling words and read regularly. Please ensure that your child brings in their Reading Journal and reading books every week so they can be changed. Homework will be given via Google Classroom and will comprise of weekly spellings, times tables and reading. Each half-term, your child will also have the opportunity to complete a project to consolidate their learning.

The children will be attending swimming lessons this term, there will be a separate letter sent to you with more information. Alongside this, we will be teaching outdoor PE this half-term. Please ensure your child has their full outdoor PE kit on their designated day, including trainers and a warm tracksuit - we will be going out in cold weather. Please note that children will not be able to use plimsoles for outdoor PE. Finally, we would like to remind you of the importance of your child being at school every day and on time.

We look forward to working you and your children.

Thank you,

Miss Darko, Mr Nkansah and Mrs Rathore

