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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn Term! We hope you had a lovely and relaxing break and that your children are feeling well rested, ready for some new learning.

In English, we will be reading, researching and completing writing tasks based on the non-fiction book 'The pebble in my pocket,' this book goes through the journey of a pebble, from its origins in a volcano to a busy landscape. Following this, we will look at poetry for the first time this academic year. Our focus book will be 'Earthshake: Poems from the group up', the children will analyse the poem and use it as inspiration to write and perform their own poetry.

In Maths, we will be focusing on Number: Multiplication and Division. As you are aware, it is vital that children are confident in recalling their times tables and division facts accurately and with increasing speed. To support this, we will revise the 2,5,10,3,4 and 8 times tables and introduce the children to the 6,9, 7,11 and 12 times tables.

Our Geography topic for the next two half-terms is 'Volcanoes, Mountains and Earthquakes', the children will understand the structure of the Earth and of a volcano. They will learn what a volcano is and how they are formed. The children will locate and describe some of the world's most well-known volcanoes. To consolidate their learning, the children will have the opportunity to create a 3D model of a volcano.

In our wider curriculum, we will be studying a range of topics. In Science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. Also, we will be focusing on pocket money in French, Democracy and Parliament in PSHE and the representation of different religions in our neighbourhood in RE. In addition to this, we will be beginning our Music unit on recorders. If your child wishes to hire a recorder, this can be done via parent pay.

In order to support your child, please continue to read with your child at home and evidence this in their reading record and help them complete their homework, which will be set weekly. The children are expected to complete their reading, weekly spellings and weekly times tables - which is due every Friday. Please continue to support your child in learning the National Curriculum's 100 common words (from Years 3 and 4). Please check the home learning project letter for details on interactive activities that you could complete with your child.

We will continue to teach outdoor PE (cricket) and swimming through the Autumn 2 term. The children need to ensure they are bringing the full PE kits. Due to the colder temperatures, the children are allowed to bring in tracksuit bottoms or leggings and their John Perry jumper as a suitable, additional layer. Please be aware that your child cannot wear their school shoes or plimsoles outside due to health and safety reasons.

We would like to thank you for all your hard work and effort to support us in the first half-term and we look forward to working with you and your child this half-term.

Many thanks,

Miss Darko, Mr Nkansah and Miss Yesmin

