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Friday 6th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have had an enjoyable break and are ready for a new school year.

Our topic this half term is 'Wonders of Nature'. To help our understanding of the topic, we will be reading 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde and looking at various extracts from 'The Secret Garden' Frances Hodgson Burnett. This will be the stimulus for all our learning with our subjects being creatively linked. In DT we will be designing and creating our own mini gardens choosing appropriate materials. We will be designing our own park in Geography. During our dance lessons, we will be creating suitable moves to make a garden dance. We will be learning how to send an email in Computing. Plants will be our focus in Science and in RE our topic will be 'The Buddha: How did the Buddha teach that people should live?'

Homework will be given out at the start of each half term. Children can submit each piece when completed. Purple Mash and Education City will be sometimes used to assign your child Maths and English activities. Please ensure that your child is completing this work to a high standard as the work given will support the learning taking place in the classroom.

Spellings will be given out at the start of term and should be learnt for a test each week. A record of the results will be sent out each week so that you have an idea of how your child is progressing.

In order to support your child's learning please use some time at home to research the topics we are studying and take an interest in what has been completed at school. Your child also brings home a reading record and reading book every day which we expect them to read

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each night. We suggest that you listen to your child read at least **three times a week**, each time signing their reading record – this will vastly improve their reading and writing skills. In the case of a lost reading record there will be a cost of £1 to replace it. We will be giving the children their own Federation book marks which they can fill out each time they finish a book. Upon completing the bookmark they will be presented with a certificate during Friday's assembly. Please encourage your child/children to read at home.

Your child is expected to bring their PE kit in school on a Monday and take it home on a Friday for washing. Indoor and outdoor PE lessons will take place on Wednesday and Thursday of each week. For Indoor PE the children must wear shorts and a **white** t-shirt; for outdoor PE a tracksuit may be worn. Trainers or plimsolls must be worn outside and bare feet or plimsolls for indoors. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing for each session.

We are hoping to go on a class trip once every half term and will inform you of any arrangements nearer the time. We will be working closely with Christ Church and Woolwich campuses, occasionally we will hold events at both schools. Trip letters explaining the details will be sent out later in the half term, we will need volunteers to accompany us on each trip, please sign the form and indicate whether you are available to do this.

If you would like to arrange an appointment to discuss any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the office to organise a suitable time.

Thank you for your support,

Ms Jones and Mrs. Wilkinson

