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WOOLWICH CAMPUS

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Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Summer break and are looking forward to the year ahead. We are about to start a very busy year as we prepare for our end of KS2 tests in May so we hope you have all had a good rest.

We are beginning this academic year with a transition topic aimed at settling children back into school life called '**New Beginnings**'. As part of this '**New Beginnings**' topic, we will be creating projects, focusing on PSHE and using the book '**Here We Are**' as our core text.

Topic

This half term our theme is "The Kingdom of Benin". This will be the stimulus for our learning, with our foundation subjects being linked to this topic. In History we will be looking at the economic and natural wealth of the ancient civilisation of Benin and in Geography we will focus on the physical features of Africa. In Art we will be making our own style Benin masks, jewelry and model cities.

RE

In RE we will be exploring Sikhism, with a focus on the 5Ks, Sikh festivals and looking at honesty and commitment in different groups. **We will relate this to our own values and beliefs.**

PE & Spelling

PE lessons will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has appropriate kit for indoor and outdoor lessons. They need to bring their PE kit to school on Monday and take it home on Friday. Spelling tests will take place on a Thursday. A spelling list for the year has already been sent home. **If you misplace it, please look on the website for this information.**

Homework

We'll soon be sending home CGP books for homework. These books cover the whole curriculum, but please ensure that your child is completing the pages that have been set for that week. Your child has already started to bring home their reading record in which they are expected to record their reading. Children should read every evening for at least 20 minutes. We suggest that you listen to your child read at least three times a week, each time signing their reading record – this will significantly improve their reading and writing skills.

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school so that they can keep hydrated during lesson times.

If you would like to discuss any questions or queries, **then please ring the school office to make an appointment to see me. I may be able to see you after school, at the Nursery gate.**

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Hurst and Mrs Warwick

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