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Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, happy new year! We hope you all had wonderful Christmases and managed to get together with family and enjoyed the break.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Mears to our class as our new teaching assistant. I know she will really enjoy working with our wonderful children and be an asset in the class.

This term we've planned what we hope will be an interesting and varied curriculum for the children.

We will be completing our Roman topic in history before moving onto Anglo Saxons and reading Beowulf as our class text. In the second half of the term, we step away from our chronological look at British history to study Charles Darwin - fitting in with our Science topic of Evolution and Inheritance and a not so well-known Victorian explorer, Isabella Bird. I found her story fascinating and hope the children will like learning about her too. The class will continue to measure themselves every month for our longitudinal scientific study; Do we all start & end life in the same way?

In Geography we will be continuing to help the children develop their map reading skills as well as focusing on Physical and Human Geography and European Migration.

Our first RE topic, does religion bring peace or conflict? is a thematic unit meaning we will be studying the subject across several religions. The second half of the term has a Christian focus asking how the Holy Spirit transforms people. Our two Christian Values are Courage and Forgiveness.

As well as reading Beowulf, the class will learn about performance poetry using the work of Michel Rosen and Benjamin Zephaniah. We're hoping they will enjoy this humorous look at poetry and we will encourage them to perform to the class! Our second shared text of the term will be Windrush Child written by Benjamin Zephaniah about his experience of coming to Britain.

Just a reminder that for year 6 SATS Club will be starting on 13th January. We are continuing with the White Rose maths resources through our maths this term. At school the children will continue to log in daily to Tackling Tables and we would ask that they could carry on with this at home. It really does give the children a firm and solid understanding of their times tables which underpins all their maths work.

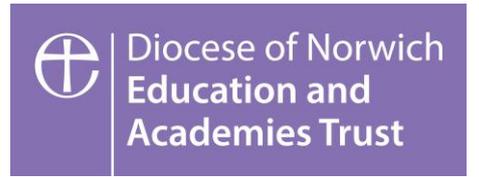
We will continue with our co-operative learning strategies in class and our system of Cold Calling. This is where we ask a child to answer a question without having any hands up. Paths lessons will continue alongside our PSHE/RSE lesson where we will be discussing how we can manage our feelings and how to be a good friend. Our French lessons too look at the language associated with family and friends and as we're looking at explorers in History, we'll be learning the French names of places around the world in the second half of the term.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about this or anything else regarding your child's time in school.

Many thanks,

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