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Dear Parents and Carers

As part of our School Development Plan this year we are reviewing our Year 1 to 6 curriculum, particularly our approach to teaching the foundation subjects History, Geography, Art and DT.

To ensure our children have depth of learning, we are teaching the main objectives of these subjects in focus weeks during each half term. During autumn 1 we will focus on Geography, autumn 2 History, spring 1 Art, spring 2 History, summer 1 DT and summer 2 Geography. This overview will be included on our website in the next few weeks alongside the class curriculum overviews.

We will send home knowledge organisers a few weeks prior, so that you can discuss the vocabulary and possibly research the focus area. Guided reading will be focussed on the topic during the week before and then the majority of lessons during the week will cover the skills and knowledge. Where possible, we will also include visits and visitors to enhance the learning.

Our art week in July trialled this approach with great success, as our children read and talked confidently about the artists, the techniques used and developed these over the week in well sequenced lessons, producing some very impressive pieces.

Our weekly timetables will continue to include Science, Music, PE, RE, PSHE and Modern Foreign Languages for Key Stage 2 and will include history, geography, art or DT when appropriate to that particular half term topic. This eases the pressure on our weekly timetable to ensure that all subjects are well taught and none are consistently missed during very busy periods.

We are committed to ensuring our pupils are experiencing the best teaching and learning opportunities and feel confident that this well-structured approach will enrich the curriculum.

During the 'Welcome to' class meetings, your child's teacher will outline the autumn term focus areas but if you do have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to speak to them or myself.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Hughes
Headteacher