

23rd September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a short but eventful week! Monday was obviously dominated by the formalities of a state funeral. We hope your family enjoyed and partook in the event in a way that suited your family.

As we returned to school on Tuesday, and ended the official mourning period, we resumed the day-to-day business of school, which is Teaching and Learning (T&L).

This week, our Golden Expectation and Word of the Week are, '**Always be in control of your own behaviour.**' and '**Choices**'.

Last week we introduced you to our **geography topics** for this half-term, included again below. This week we will share with you the books that our children read in their year groups as part of our **whole class reading** approach. This is something I have not done before, I hope you find it useful as you may wish to read the same book at home to support home learning discussions (see images at end of letter).

Year 1	Me and My World (Local Area) - What is in my local area? Literacy = Jack and the Beanstalk
Year 2	Hot & Cold – Why is the weather different? Literacy = The Magic Bojabi Tree by Dianne Hofmeyr.
Year 3	Brazil & The Amazon Rain Forest - Should we worry about our rain forests? Literacy = The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry.
Year 4	Japan & Earthquakes – How would you survive an earthquake? Literacy = I survived the Japan Earthquake, 1906 by Lauren Tershish
Year 5	Tanzania & Mountains – How would you prepare to climb Mount Kilimanjaro? Literacy = King of the Cloud Forests by Michael Mopurgo
Year 6	The United Kingdom – Which region would you like to live in and why? Literacy = Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick

As we have done previously we strongly encourage you to use the information above to facilitate conversations with your child(ren) about their learning at school. For those parents who would like to

know in more detail what our curriculum entails for their child(ren) this year please access the link to our curriculum overviews <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-overviews>

Continuing with the theme of working with parents as partners, we hope as many parents as possible can join the NSPCC's '**Keeping Children Safe Online**' free virtual workshop on Monday 26th September at 16:30 – 17:30. Please access the link for more information.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/594#sitelive-viewer/>

We hope you enjoyed the **School Streets Play Day** (22.9.22) which was organised by one of our community partners, Hackney Marsh Adventure Playground. If you would like to organise a School Street Play Day yourself, as a local resident, come and see me and I will share the relevant information.

For those parents who are keen to be involved with their child(ren)'s school we strongly encourage you to attend next week's **Daubeney PCTA's** annual general meeting (**AGM**) that will be held on site here at school from 7:30pm. To find out more about our PCTA and how you can support your child(ren)'s school access the link at your convenience. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/friends-of-daubeney>

As I bring the letter to a close, I encourage you to explore the highlights section of our website for a plethora of images that say so much more about the T&L than I can in my weekly letter!

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

Finally, if you have not read Mr Warren's weekly update letter please do so via the link for all things Blossom. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/596#sitelive-viewer/>

Please enjoy a great weekend, and don't forget to discuss those geography topics and what your child(ren) is reading in class (see images below) ☺

Yours sincerely,



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