

29th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Four weeks of the autumn 1 half-term have now been spent and we look forward to the enjoying the remaining three weeks before breaking for the autumn half-term holiday.

I'd like to start this week's letter by reminding you of our **School Development Priorities (SDPs)** for this year, which are:

- 1.) Continue to improve outcomes for our lowest attaining pupils (30%) across all core subjects.
- 2.) Embed & implement a consistent approach to Curriculum Floor Books which exemplify our quality offer.
- 3.) Continue the development of leadership at all levels.
- 4.) Continue the development of our playground and outdoor learning opportunities.
- 5.) Continue to develop parent partnerships especially for our lowest attaining pupils (30%) so outcomes improve.

On Tuesday we were visited by three members of the Hackney Education team namely, Laleh Laverick, Rosie Condon and Emma Burton for a **One Day Review (ODR)**. We have had a number of these before but we asked the team to do 'Ofsted style' and undertake a number of interviews and deep dives into reading, maths, geography and PE. It was a really positive day and we were very impressed with the leaders and the teaching and the children. Whilst there is no rating for a ODR, the colour green featured heavily in their RAG rating! Most importantly, what they saw matched our own self-evaluation of our provision. There's always room to improve and the little tweaks we will now make will make us even better. A massive well done to all the subject leaders, and all staff involved on the day.

To echo previous sentiments, and linking to our SDPI, all of our pupils now have three **writing targets**, please speak with your child about their writing targets, and if they are unable to recall them, please speak with your child(ren)'s class teacher.

In our usual fashion, please see below to see what each year group are studying this half-term as part of our **'Intrepid Explorers'** themed geography half-term and in their science topics, this week we have added what they will be learning during RE this half-term. Please use this to facilitate home learning discussions.

Year 1	<p>Me and My World (Local Area) - What is in my local area?</p> <p>Plants – Taking care of plants – What does a plant need to grow?</p> <p>RE - How and why do people celebrate harvest?</p>
Year 2	<p>Hot & Cold – Why is the weather different?</p> <p>Living Things and Their Habitats. What do all habitats need?</p> <p>RE - What do Hindus believe?</p>
Year 3	<p>Brazil & The Amazon Rain Forest - Should we worry about our rain forests?</p> <p>Plants – Do all plants need flowers?</p> <p>RE What is special about Guru Nanak?</p>
Year 4	<p>Japan & Earthquakes – How would you survive an earthquake?</p> <p>Living Things and Their Habitats – What environmental impact have humans had on East London?</p> <p>RE How does the synagogue show what is important to Jews?</p>
Year 5	<p>Tanzania & Mountains – How would you prepare to climb Mount Kilimanjaro?</p> <p>Living Things and Their Habitats – What is similar and different about a butterfly's and a frog's life cycle?</p> <p>RE What did the Buddha teach about living a better life?</p>
Year 6	<p>The United Kingdom – Which region would you like to live in and why?</p> <p>Living Things and Their Habitats – Why is classification important?</p> <p>RE What do Jews believe are their responsibilities to God?</p>

Tickets are going fast for our upcoming **BHM event** on 17.10.23. Please get your tickets asap to avoid disappointment at our **Hackney Empire** Show (see link below for more info).

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/765#sitelive-viewer/>

Yours sincerely,



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**TUESDAY 17TH
OCTOBER**

**SHOW STARTS
AT 6PM**

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OUR BLOSSOM FEDERATION PUPILS PAYING HOMAGE TO OUR
WINDRUSH HEROES ON THE HALLOWED HACKNEY EMPIRE STAGE



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