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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Our new theme for the summer term is 'Home and Away'. We will be looking at the local history of Ferryhill and comparing our local area to Sri Lanka and the similarities and differences whilst doing this.

What are we going to be doing this half term?

English - We will be reading 'Flat Stanley' throughout our English sessions. Whilst reading this story we will complete a range of different writing types including: character descriptions, setting descriptions, diary entries and instructional writing. I am sure the children will enjoy reading this eventful and humorous story. Reading comprehension continues to be important and any reading and discussions at home will help too. We will also be exploring the story of 'St George and the Dragon' for St George's Day and how this led to him being the patron saint of England.

Maths - We will be covering a wide range of skills in maths and these will change regularly. Our focus this half term will include: improving our understanding of fractions (including halves, quarters and thirds); revising the < and > signs; telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes on an analogue clock and improving our times tables knowledge - particularly the 3x tables. As you know, the children have access to Times Tables Rockstars allowing them to practise skills covered in class. If there are any problems with this, or home access is problematic, then do not hesitate to write a note in your child's diary or see me at school. If you have forgotten your child's log in, then this is recorded in the back of their diary to refer to.

RE - Our focus will shift towards the religion of Buddhism. We will think about who Buddha was and why he is important to Buddhists. We will also look at symbols of Buddhism and how Buddhists show their beliefs.

PHSCE - Across the school, the SEAL framework is used and the theme for this half term will be 'Relationships'. Children will be thinking about the different relationships and friendships they have and also how these can make us feel at different times in our lives. We will explore how to act when we feel these different emotions.

Music - Children will be learning a song all about friendship and what being a good friend is. Whilst learning it, we will explore the rhythm and the pulse and will also attempt to play along using some basic instruments.





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Science - Our new Science topic is 'Animals including humans'. Why is exercise so important? Why is it important to stay clean? What do we need to survive? Are there any healthy choices we can make in our own lives? These questions will be just some of the ones we will aim to answer throughout our Science lessons this half term.

Geography - Children will be comparing what life is like in England and what life would be like in a different country - Sri Lanka. We will be looking at both the human and physical features in Sri Lanka and what it is like there. We will compare the weather and climate in both Sri Lanka and the U.K.

DT - In our DT sessions, we will be creating our own moving vehicle. After looking at vehicles in the real world, we will design our own using wheels and axels. We will then evaluate our finished product to decide what went well and what we can improve.

ICT - Using our work based on Sri Lanka as a theme, we will be creating our own iMovie using the iPads. We will combine audio and visual elements to create our own video full of the facts we have found out about Sri Lanka and its culture.

PE - Our PE session will remain on a Friday afternoon. Please make sure that the children bring their PE kits in school with them at the beginning of the term and this can remain on their peg. The children require a t-shirt, shorts and trainers. It is best to not wear earrings on PE days. Our new PE topic will be 'Mini Tennis' and we will be using the outdoor space for this so trainers will be essential to use.

Homework is given out on Friday and should be returned on Tuesday - this allows the children to ask if they are unsure about their task on Monday. Children will be given some Maths and English to do weekly. May I also highlight the importance of regular reading at home and I appreciate your support in signing the children's diaries regularly. We should be aiming to read as often as possible and please make sure your child's diary is in school every day.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the curriculum further, please do not hesitate to contact me at school and I would be happy to give you further information.

Yours sincerely,

J. Blood

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Year 2 Class Teacher

