



# ST JOHN THE DIVINE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! I hope that you had an enjoyable and restful half term. The children are now noticeably more settled in our class routines and enjoying their learning!

This term we will be learning about **the Ancient Kingdom of Benin** and, where possible, your child's learning will be linked to this. Attached to this letter you will find a curriculum map outlining the areas of learning we intend to cover this term. A copy of this document can also be found on our website.

As you know, your child's PE lessons takes place on Wednesday. Just a timely reminder that PE kits should be brought in on a Monday and should be taken home on Friday. Please make sure your child comes to school with the correct PE kit for their PE lessons. In addition, the children will continue to have swimming lessons on a Tuesday Morning, for the sessions they require a swimming costume/trunks, a towel, a swimming hat and goggles. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit to school with them when they arrive as we leave school **promptly** for our swimming lesson. Please note, swimming is a National Curriculum subject, just like Maths or English, and as such the **children are expected to attend every session** unless there is a medical reason why they are unable to. If this should be the case then this must be shared, in writing with the school.

We really appreciate the support you give to your child for their home learning especially with some of the creativity shown! Taking notice of your child's **homework** will give you a greater understanding of what they are doing in class. It is also a requirement that children read for 20 minutes at home, every evening. Please engage with your child during this time, asking them questions about what they have read, to foster a love for reading. Each child now has a Mathletics login and I encourage them to use this as regularly as possible as there will be various tasks to complete.

This term we will be visiting the Horniman Museum to explore Benin Brass plaque on **the Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023**. Letters will be sent out in due course with further information about the trip.

Please do get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss: I am usually available before and after school for informal chats. Alternatively, please make an appointment for any longer discussions.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Miss Short

Year Five Class Teacher

