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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of the academic year. The next eight weeks look set to be full of fun, laughter and learning and wonder and, if we are lucky, a sprinkling of summer sun!

You should by now have received a copy of this term's welcome letter and overview from your child's class teacher – these outline routines, upcoming events and the learning that will be taking place so that you can support your child's learning at home. Should you have any questions or require any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher or make an appointment to meet with them via the school office.

Below is a summary of the learning that has taken place across the school this week.

Early Years
This week in EYFS, the children have continued to enjoy a wide range of exciting learning opportunities through our Under the Sea topic. Our core text has been 'Shark in the Park', which has inspired lots of discussion, storytelling and imaginative play. The children's indoor and outdoor learning environments have been enhanced with a variety of Under the Sea-themed activities, including sensory and exploration trays that encourage them to learn about the animals that live in our seas and oceans and the habitats they call home. In Maths, we have been consolidating our counting skills within 10, helping the children to develop confidence and accuracy when counting objects and recognising numbers. In RE, we have been thinking about what makes our world wonderful and discussing how we can care for the world around us, encouraging the children to reflect on their role in looking after God's creation and the environment.
Year One
In Year One the children have made a great start to the final term. The children have begun learning about non-fiction writing and have been exploring the different elements of how to write an interesting, non-fiction leaflet. In maths, the children have begun learning about money and the different values of notes and coins. Finally, in Science we have begun our new topic of Animals Including Humans. Children have been identifying different animals and which animal group they belong to!
Year Two
This week in Year Two the children have been busy learning across a range of exciting subjects. In Maths, we explored statistics and learnt how to collect and interpret information using charts and graphs. In English, the children enjoyed recounting their half-term experiences, focusing on using time connectives and descriptive details. In Science, we are starting our new topic of biology and looking at plants, identifying their different parts and understanding what they need to grow. In our Connected Curriculum topic, we are discovering fascinating facts about pirates and exploring the continents and seas ready for our pirates topic adventure!
Year Three
Year Three have worked hard since returning this term. In English, we have explored poetry by looking at different poets and styles of poems, while in Science we have begun our exciting new topic on Rocks. In RE, we have learned about the importance of our actions and words, and the consequences and rewards that can follow. We have also continued our Ancient Greece topic in Connected Curriculum and painted colourful amphora jars in Art. Well done, Year Three – keep up the great work!
Year Four-Five
This week in English, Year Four and Five children have explored the 'Lady of Shalott', carefully understanding each verse to develop their understanding of the poem's meaning, theme and language. They enjoyed discussing the story and considering how the poet creates atmosphere and imagery. As part of their learning about different faiths in RE, the children visited the Khalsa Centre Gurdwara, where they gained a deeper understanding of Sikh worship and beliefs. During the visit, children learned about the significance of the five K's and how these articles of faith are important to practising Sikhs. They also explored the importance of the Guru Granth Sahib, the

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values of equality, service and community. The children had great fun and thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the welcoming atmosphere of the community.

Year Six

This week in RE, the children have been exploring the foundations of the Jewish faith. They have learned about key figures who helped shape Judaism, investigated why the Torah is so important to Jewish people, and considered how the Shema and mezuzah help believers remember and live out their faith each day. The children have also explored how a Bar or Bat Mitzvah marks a significant step into greater responsibility within the Jewish community and reflected on the idea of making a covenant by creating their own promises for how they would like to live. In English, we have begun reading 'The London Eye Mystery'. The children have been introduced to the main characters and have used evidence from the text to make observations and predictions about their personalities, relationships and the events that may unfold later in the story. In PE, preparations for Sports Day are well underway. The children have been developing their athletic skills through a range of activities, focusing on teamwork, determination and good sportsmanship as they get ready for the exciting events ahead.

The house point totals for this week are:

GARRISON	12	AUGUSTINE	15
FRANKLIN	19	DICKENS	15

A final question for you, have you changed your mobile number recently? Please remember to update the school office with your current contact details. Keeping this information up-to-date helps us reach you quickly if we need to get in touch during the school day.

Kind regards

Mrs Warland
Head Teacher