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Dear Parent/Carer,



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This term really has been like no other. As we came out of Christmas, we expected children to all start the New Year in the classroom. Instead, the first half term and the beginning of this half term were spent online, learning remotely from kitchen tables. I am so impressed with how well the children engaged with our remote provision, both through Teams and our paper work packs, and the effort they have put into their work since returning to in school education has been wonderful to see. They are a testament to your hard work and support; thank you so much!

This year has taken a massive toll on our children, not just from an educational standpoint. These last few weeks have been spent ensuring they feel safe and settled, and working on their mental health and wellbeing. As we look to the summer term our focus will be on catching up on the learning children have missed and ensuring that, by the end of the academic year, they have achieved their full potential.

At Bloxwich Academy Primary, we are always looking for new and innovative ways for our children to learn and, upon returning from the Easter holidays, we will be launching a new, theme based curriculum using Cornerstones. As part of this, children will participate in imaginative learning projects based around a topic, and will participate in a 'memorable experience' day to launch the project. Details for each year group can be found below:

#### **Nursery: Can I have a dog?**

During our first few days back in Nursery, children will begin to gain knowledge of how to care for animals. On **Tuesday 20th April**, we will be asking all children to bring in their favourite animal teddy to talk about and share with their friends. We will enjoy a range of fun activities such as making animal masks and watching our friends talk about their pets at home. If possible, please email Miss Lloyd at [nursery@bloxwichacademy.co.uk](mailto:nursery@bloxwichacademy.co.uk) with a short video clip of your child with their pet.

#### **Reception: Do cows drink milk?**

This topic will be an opportunity for children to learn about farm animals. On **Friday 23rd April** we will be having a farm themed day complete with fun activities to meet all areas of our early years curriculum. As part of this day we invite the children to make either a farm animal hat or mask to wear to school on this day. We would appreciate you talking to your child about what animal they could choose to make, and what the animals look like.

#### **Year 1: Childhood Experiences & Family Life**

Children will spend the term exploring childhood experiences, and compare their own to those of children from the 1950's. On **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April** we ask that children bring in their favourite toy from their childhood and if you, as parents, have a cherished toy from your past, we would love to see these too. Toys will be returned on the same day.

#### **Year 2: The Scented Garden**

For this topic, we have planned some amazing activities linked to gardening, and will be creating a herb garden for everyone to enjoy. All the children will be bringing home an Easter homework project and organiser, and we ask parents to read this through with children, helping them understand and new words and phrases, and read and spell any key words on the organiser. We will starting off the topic with a visit from a florist on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**, and children will be shown how a beautiful arrangement of flowers can be created.





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### Year 3: Rocks, Relics and Rumbles

Children will be learning about different types of rocks, volcanoes and earthquakes, and we will be looking at world maps, locating where volcanoes are around the world. Whilst enjoying this topic, children will be using their compass skills and learning about the history of the disaster that happened in Pompeii, using this knowledge to support their reading. On **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**, we will create chocolate rocks and take part in a rock hunt. Children are not required to bring anything in for these activities.

### Year 4: Traders and Raiders

Year 4 will be looking at the collapse of the Roman Empire in Britain, and how the Anglo-Saxons stood up against the Vikings. Children will also be using their geographical knowledge to help them with locating famous Saxon sites around the UK. On **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**, children will be completing team building activities such as building a boat which is big and strong enough for 8 people. We will also be creating individual boats and later testing them to see if they can float on water.

### Year 5: Sow, Grow & Farm

During the term, children will become gardeners with a passion for growing and encouraging the environment, and will learn about sustainability and the way in which all different manner of food is grown and harvested. On **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April** children are asked to attend school in wellies/old shoes that can get a little muddy, as well as outdoor PE kit; joggers and a coat/jumper are definitely recommended!

### Year 6: Victorians & The Revolution

On **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**, children will experience a day in the life of a Victorian school child and we ask pupils, if possible, to dress up in the style of clothing from that period. A Victorian boy would be dressed in black trousers/knee length shorts, white shirt, waistcoat, a cap and black school shoes. A Victorian girl would wear a white pinafore dress/apron over a dark coloured dress, white socks and black shoes.

As you can see, we have a lot of interesting and exciting things planned for the children for the summer term, and we cannot wait to get stuck in!

We have had a few parents ask about summer dresses and whether these can be worn as part of the school uniform. It has been agreed that knee-length green and white check summer dresses can be worn by children.

As restrictions begin to be lifted, I look to the forthcoming term with great hope and the belief that life will return to somewhere close to normal by the summer holidays. For now, have a lovely Easter and enjoy the sunshine where you can. Stay safe 😊

Yours sincerely,

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