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Term 1 – Canada Class Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic summer and well-earned rest. We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the children into **Canada** class and we know that they will have a fantastic year. This term our gem is Ruby and we will be focussing on respect.

Our new Curious Curriculum theme for Term 1 is **"The Whole World in our Hands"** and gives the children the opportunity to explore the impact that slavery had around the world and on Bristol. We will also learn about important points in civil rights history such as the Windrush Generation and the Bristol boycott. Through this, we will answer the enquiry questions, **"How did the slave trade impact Bristol?'; "How different was life for the Windrush Generation?" and "How far has life changed for black people living in Britain in the last 60 years?".** Our class text this term is *'Freedom on the Menu' by Carole Boston Weatherford*. We will be writing a range of different text types including a narrative with the purpose of retelling part of the story. In addition, we will be exploring art that conveys a message. We will study famous artists such as Banksy and Shepard Fairey who have used their work to comment on a range of different societal issues.

In maths, we will be understanding place value of numbers to 10,000,000 ensuring we can determine the value of each digit.

Mrs Pollard will be covering PPA every week.

PE Kit:

It is expected that your child has a PE kit in school throughout the week. Please ensure all items, including uniform, are labelled with first and last names to allow us to keep track of them. If garments are not labelled, it can be difficult to return them to their rightful owner. For Term 1, our sessions will be on a **Monday and alternate Wednesdays and Thursdays.**

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Home Learning:

A reminder that home learning will consist of reading. **We expect all pupils to read to a family member or independently five times per week for 15 minutes.** Please ensure that reading diaries are acknowledged and signed by parents as this is an essential record of which books your child has read and how they are progressing. It is compulsory that books come to school daily. We will be checking reading diaries weekly for their five sessions of reading at home.

Morning Snacks and Drinks:

If you would like to send your child into school with their own snack, we would ask that this is fruit or a healthy snack such as a cereal bar. Please only send WATER in drinks bottles to promote healthy eating and to reduce the risk of spillages.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to send me a message on Seesaw or speak to me outside the classroom at the end of the day.

Many thanks,

Mrs Foulger and Mrs Cain

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