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Dear Parents and Carers,

Topic to be covered Religious Education this term

I am writing to inform you about the Religious Education (RE) unit that will be taught in Year 5 and 6 this term. The unit is titled **“What do religions say to us when life gets hard?”** and focuses on how different religious and non-religious worldviews respond to difficult times, particularly in relation to death. Our intention is not to be distressing, but rather to support understanding, reflection, and respectful discussion.

Throughout the unit, pupils will explore a range of questions, including:

- What questions do people have about what happens when we die?
- What do some people believe carries on after death, and what is meant by the idea of a soul?
- Why do some people believe in reincarnation, and what do the ideas of reincarnation and karma mean?
- What do different religions say about heaven and forgiveness?
- What do people who do not believe in God think happens when we die?
- What different ideas exist about what happens when we die, and what do I think?

The lessons will explore beliefs from a variety of religious traditions as well as non-religious viewpoints. Teaching will be **objective, balanced, and sensitive**, making it clear that people hold different beliefs and that these are explored for understanding rather than persuasion.

Class discussions and activities will always be handled with great care. Pupils will be invited to share ideas and ask questions, but **no child will ever be required to share personal experiences or feelings**. Staff will be attentive to pupils' emotional responses, and any concerns will be addressed promptly and sensitively. If your child has recently experienced a bereavement, or if you have any concerns about how they may respond to this unit, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Hewitt, so we can provide appropriate support.

Thank you for your continued support. We believe this unit offers a valuable opportunity for pupils to develop empathy, respect, and thoughtful understanding of important life questions.

Kind Regards,

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