



Dear Parents,

Last academic year we set out to completely redevelop our school curriculum. All the staff at Highwood worked together to deepen and improve what we teach. We started with our schools moto of 'Where individuals matter' and built the curriculum around this ethos. We then carefully considered what is in Highwood's local environment and how this can used to develop key geography and history skills. Finally, we focused on how we can ensure that learning is built upon term-by-term and year-by-year.

We are excited to share with you that our new curriculum which will start this academic year. Below are the year group's key questions for each term:

	Year group theme	Autumn	Spring	Summer
F1	Finding out about ourselves	What makes us special?	Why do things change?	How are all animals different?
F2	Finding out about our environment	Could Dinosaurs live in Woodley?	How is the World filled with colour?	Who are our local heroes?
Year 1	Understanding change	Where in the World am I?	Will we play with the same toys when we are older?	Which animal would you invite to tea?
Year 2	Expanding horizons	Was the Great Fire of London a total disaster?	Where in the world would we like to explore?	Can we grow our own picnic?
Year 3	Elements of nature	What did the Pre-historic people yabba dabba do?	Could we exist without water?	How can we help protect our planet?
Year 4	Exploring the past	What is more precious: Water or Gold?	What did the Roams ever do for me?	Why don't all beaches have sand?
Year 5	Shaping the future	Has our planet finished evolving?	Is invasion ever justified?	Are heroes and villains so different?
Year 6	Investigating change	Does change always lead to progress?	What would a World without war look like?	What is the secret to success?

Every term (Autumn, Spring and Summer), for all year groups you will receive a Curriculum Map, that will include 4 pages:

1. Curriculum Mind Map;
2. Maths and Literacy objectives;
3. Foundation subject objectives; and a
4. Knowledge organiser.

These cover everything that your child will be taught in that term. The knowledge organiser can be used to display in your house and will help your child share their learning with you at home.

If you would like more information, please come to the meet the teacher event on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm.**