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Cultural Week – Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd October

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our upcoming **Cultural Week**, the school will be temporarily suspending its usual timetable to allow pupils to engage in a whole-school, rich and immersive learning experience. Please note that **PE days will remain unchanged**.

Each year group will focus on exploring a specific country in depth. Areas of study may will cross the whole curriculum and include activities such as learning about: the nation's history, climate, notable artists, cuisine, traditional stories, dance, music, and comparisons with the United Kingdom, among other topics. On the afternoon of Thursday 23rd October, the whole school will come together to share and celebrate the learning that has taken place throughout Cultural Week.

Below, you will find the country that your child's year group will be studying throughout the week.

EYFS – Cultures from around the world and a focus on Diwali		
Year 1 – Spain	**Year 2** – Thailand	**Year 3** – India
Year 4 – Italy	**Year 5** – Japan	**Year 6** – Brazil

Celebrating Diversity Within our School Community

As part of our commitment to celebrating the rich diversity within our school, we will be launching Cultural Week on **Monday, 20th October** with a special focus on sharing our home cultures.

We warmly invite pupils to bring in or speak about something that reflects their family's cultural heritage on this day. This could include a traditional story, item of clothing, song, toy, or any other meaningful representation of your culture. If you would be happy for your child to participate in this way, please speak with your child's class teacher in advance to make the necessary arrangements.

Additionally, if you would be interested in visiting the school to speak to the year group that is learning about your country or culture, we would be delighted to welcome you throughout the week. Please contact the school office via email to express your interest.

Home Learning Task – The Great World Bake Off

To celebrate the start of Cultural Week on **Monday, 20th October**, we are inviting all aspiring bakers to take part in **The Great World Bake Off**. Pupils are encouraged to research and prepare a recipe that is linked to their own cultural heritage, bake it at home, and bring it into school to share with their peers.

To ensure the safety of all pupils, we kindly ask that **no nuts** are included in any recipes. Additionally, please provide a **list of ingredients** with your baked item to help us manage any allergy concerns. Every child who participates will receive a **special certificate** in recognition of their contribution. We look forward to celebrating the wonderful diversity within our school community through this delicious and educational activity.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Archer & Mrs. Sivyer
Geography & History Curriculum Leads