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Curriculum Update

Dear parents/carers,

Following on from the previous curriculum communication letter, which introduced knowledge organisers and updates to our website, we would like to further update you with how things are continuing to be developed at Straits.

Termly Curriculum Newsletters

Feedback suggests that these have been well-received, so we will be continuing to send you an overview of the curriculum content for each year group per term which details the intended knowledge and skills your children will cover. They are located on our website in curriculum overviews:

<https://www.straitsprimaryschool.com/yearly-overviews/>

Daily Dashboards

One tool that has been successful is the introduction of cumulative quizzing in the form of a daily dashboard quiz. This is a retrieval task that each class performs daily and the content revisits knowledge and understanding from any previous objectives. For example, they may have a question on planets, rivers, Ancient Rome or the life cycle of a frog. All content is carefully selected to revisit 'key knowledge' and embed it. We encourage you to ask your children what the dashboard of the day was about.

Knowledge Organisers

We are continuing on our subject review cycle, with our focus moving on to our art and computing curriculums. Subjects that have been through this review have created knowledge organisers for pupils and parents to see the key content that is to be learnt for each topic, as well as key vocabulary. These can be found on the website:

<https://www.straitsprimaryschool.com/knowledge-organisers/>

Subject Learning Journeys

Another element that has been developed for the subjects that have been through the review cycle is a journey map. This is a visual tool that shows children a journey through all the topics they will learn at Straits for a particular subject. For example, in history, it shows the 3 topics they will cover each year from Reception through to Year 6. These are found on their respective subject pages, you'll find the history one here:

<https://www.straitsprimaryschool.com/history-1/>

Extra-curricular opportunities

We would also like to take this opportunity to say how pleased we are with the growing extra-curriculum offer, both in terms of trips or learning experiences in school and the clubs outside of school hours, so thank you for supporting this. We are continuing to take onboard your feedback, with things being refined each half-term. We are very excited to announce that we have started a new partnership with Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Academy, whereby each week their academy coaches will come to deliver football sessions for years 1-6. More information will be sent out about how to book this directly with them.

The after-school club leaflet for Autumn 1 will be sent on 1st September on the ParentHUB message system, with the SCOPay booking opening from 1st - 5th September (first week back), with clubs starting the second week back.

Thank you for taking the time to read about our curriculum journey and continuing developments. We have shared this with our governors as things have progressed, and they have enjoyed coming into school to see it being embedded.

Yours Sincerely,
Mr Wade & Straits Leadership Team