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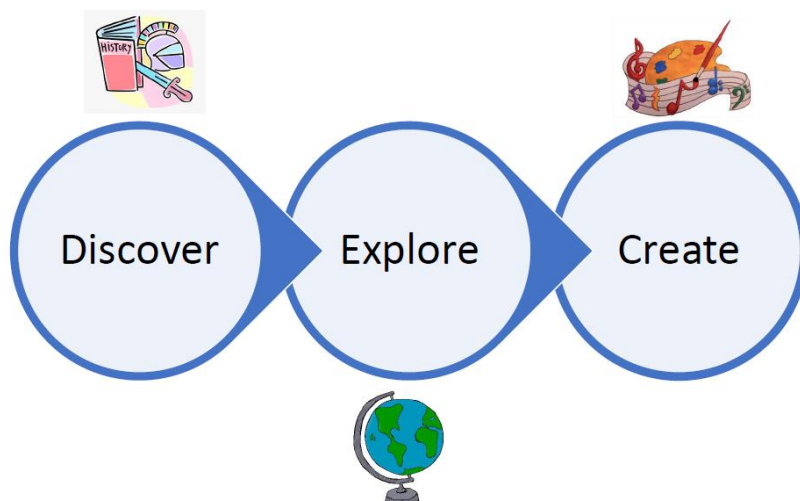


Dear Parents and Carers,

Curriculum redesign update

This letter serves to accompany the Skylark curriculum redesign information video on our school website.

As outlined in the video, The Skylark Federation – comprising Plumpton, Barcombe and Hamsey schools – is undergoing a curriculum redesign with a greater emphasis on the often-neglected ‘Foundation’ subjects (The Humanities and Arts, for example). This change was prompted, in part, by a change to the Ofsted inspection framework in 2019.



Using a project-based approach to learning, pupils will now hone in on one given subject for a term and use this subject ‘driver’ as a springboard for *all* their learning. For instance, between September and December 2020, all pupils understood for their Autumn term learning through the lens of our ‘Discover’ project (which was ostensibly History-focused) and hooked all their learning – in all subjects – onto this overarching project. For pupils, this made learning interconnected, relevant and exciting: children were able to draw comparisons and make links in lessons as learning was, simply, more joined-up.

We are still in the process of embedding this new project-based curriculum across our three schools, but hope this letter (and accompanying video) acts as a useful update on our curriculum redesign journey so far.

If you have any questions about this ongoing redesign process, we would be happy to speak with you.

Please contact the school office on: barcombeoffice@skylarkfed.education

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Mr S James
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