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Hello Peonies class!

I am very excited to be writing this letter of introduction to you, as your new class teacher from September!

My name is Miss Warburton, and I am quite new to Whitfield St. James', having only joined the school in January. I have absolutely loved the last few months working in our school, and I very much enjoyed meeting some of you in your bubbles earlier this year, and am looking forward to meeting the rest of you and getting to know you all properly in September. You will be the first class at St. James' that I see through the whole school year, which is going to be very special.

I have been a year 6 teacher for many years, and I really enjoy working with children through this exciting year as you prepare for your journey on to your next key stage. There will be lots of hard work, but we will have lots of fun along the way too!

The other teacher that we will have in class with us is Mrs Mettrick. I hope you are as excited as I am to have Mrs Mettrick as part of Peonies class! She will be with us Tuesday – Friday and I know that she is really looking forward to working with you all too.

In Peonies class, we will be learning lots of exciting things. In our first week back, we will be studying a picture book unit to get us back in to learning, like we did when we returned to school after the most recent lock down. Our first topic is called 'Maafa', which is a Swahili word for 'great catastrophe'. The name Maafa is used to describe the African Holocaust and the history and effects of the transatlantic slave trade. We will be learning about Africa past and present and the development of the slave trade. To launch our topic we will be having a wow day on Monday 13th September, and during this day we will make a start learning about our black history topic. I will send out more information about the wow day nearer the time in our class newsletter.

In class, we will always have a class reading book 'on the go' (I LOVE to read) and our first one will be a black history themed book, to go alongside our topic. We will also read lots of great stories in our daily reading lessons, and you will have our year 6 '50 Reads' books to work through too, as well as our reading scheme books and library books.

PE days etc. will be confirmed in September (you won't need to be in PE kit on your first day back).

Our classroom is going to be at the end of the key stage 2 corridor, where Aloe Veras (Miss Ratcliffe's class) currently are. We have lots to look forward to and I can't wait for September!

I hope you all have a lovely summer and I look forward to an exciting year with you!

Best wishes,

Miss Warburton