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Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of the Bedfordshire and Luton RE agreed syllabus, Year 5 will be studying a unit of work entitled 'How do people live through good times and hard times'. This unit is designed as an enquiry based unit and allows children to talk about emotions and feelings surrounding death and bereavement.

The children will explore both religious and non-religious ideas about what happens when we die. They will have the opportunity to use symbolism of light as a way of reflecting good overcoming evil e.g. the use of colour by Christians during Holy Week and Easter, the place of candle light at Diwali and Hanukkah.

They will be able to discuss the difficulties and uncertainties that can arise when considering the 'ultimate' questions about 'good and hard' times.

By the age of 9 many children will have experienced grief and death and this difficult but essential topic will give them a chance to explore their thoughts and feelings.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me (jbinks@bestacademies.org.uk), I am happy to show you the Scheme of Work that I will be following and discuss and concerns that you might have.

Yours sincerely

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