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Dear parents and carers,

**RE: Park Academy logo and class names**

To celebrate our new Park Academy logo, which represents our exciting **new beginnings** with **STEP Academy Trust**, I am writing to share with you the story behind the image and what it represents. Can I please suggest that you read this letter together as a family?

In a nod to our **environment**, we chose a **tree design** for our logo and we decided to name our classrooms after trees. This is the reason why.....



The majority of our classrooms sit around a tranquil courtyard and within that peaceful courtyard, there stands a fruitful cherry tree that has been there ever since the building was built. It has seen many changes and still remains – taking pride of place year in and year out. Just like the tree, we want you to learn how to be **resilient** and **mindful**, and to be the best of who you can be. We want to be the community that gives more than anyone asks us to- just like our cherry tree in the middle of our school – it gives- it blossoms more than twice a year! We like to think that's us too!

With that in mind, the name for each class has been chosen from a variety of trees. All similar but with different characteristics that make them **unique**. As a school, we took the visual metaphor of the tree to represent the growth of each child individually and collectively as a class. We recognise the power of growing and learning from the roots up, planting strong firm foundations so each child has the opportunity to establish themselves as well grounded individuals who develop branches and leaves that sway in the breeze but remain stable and true to their values. No leaf quite the same but every one unique and special, like every child at Park.

By knowing the different elements of a tree (or themselves) we expect children to individually and collectively begin to discover (or perhaps rediscover) aspects of themselves so that they can begin to **cultivate** and reflect on the type of person they want to be and move forward convincingly into the future.

As well as considering our own growth, we have used the trees to represent ourselves and our families. The trees chosen to represent each class appear across the world and represent each of the continents. All trees, no matter where they originated from, can be found in Britain. Some have settled well and adapted to the different climate that they now find themselves in. Others still need extra care and attention but thrive here because support has been given in terms of providing the correct types of soil or heat to help it flourish in a British climate. The trees celebrate Park's multiculturalism and encourages us to delight in our diversity as **World Citizens**.

**Here are the class names for 2020 and 2021**

<b>RECEPTION</b>	<b>(Custard) Apple</b>	<b>South America</b>
<b>YEAR ONE</b>	<b>Oak</b>	<b>Asia</b>
<b>YEAR TWO</b>	<b>Willow</b>	<b>Africa</b>
<b>YEAR THREE</b>	<b>Beech</b>	<b>Antarctica</b>
<b>YEAR FOUR</b>	<b>Pine</b>	<b>North America</b>
<b>YEAR FIVE</b>	<b>Elm</b>	<b>Europe</b>
<b>YEAR SIX</b>	<b>Gum</b>	<b>Oceania</b>

I hope you have enjoyed learning more about our new school logo and class names.

Stay safe and remember we are all thinking of you and we look forward to all being back together again as soon as we can safely be.

Best wishes

Liz Greenfield

Assistant Headteacher