



January 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back from the Christmas break and we hope that pupils are well rested and ready to learn.

We would like to remind you that high standards are set in all areas, especially behaviour, academic work and appearance, with consideration for others being a key element in our Church School. School uniform is an important aspect of gaining a sense of pride and we do ask parents to ensure that all pupils are correctly attired for school and that children have appropriate PE kit available all week.

Over the next term, Year 5 will be following units of work on the themes: 'Making new materials' and 'Go with the flow' (a study of rivers). During these units we will be focusing on Art, Technology and Geography.

In Technology, we'll be:

- Learning how the lives of people are affected by technological advances.
- Working with a variety of tools and materials with developing accuracy.
- Testing and evaluating our own work and improving it.

In Geography, we'll be:

- Learning about the main physical and human features and environmental issues of rivers.
- Learning how the features of rivers influence the nature of human activities.
- Using and interpreting globes and maps in a variety of scales.
- Investigating water as a source of energy.

In Art, we'll be:

- Understanding how artists use materials, forms and techniques to express their emotions, observations and experiences.
- Learning to communicate through visual and tactile forms.
- Learning to make judgements about works of art; showing understanding, appreciation, respect and enjoyment as appropriate.

Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses so they can share their knowledge.

If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of these themes please take it, as your enthusiasm and interest is most important.



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By the end of the units, we expect your child to have achieved all of the learning targets, have had an enjoyable time in the classroom and that you have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any particular needs, please do not hesitate in contacting the school, via the pupil contact book (planner), or finding one of the Year 5 team at the end of the school day. The Year 5 staff will also be available at the Curriculum Consultation Evenings on Tuesday 3 and Thursday 5 February.

Yours sincerely

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