



January 2017

Dear parent/carer

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

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: 'Marvellous Maps' and 'Enough for Everyone'. During these units we will be focusing on Geography.

In Marvellous Maps, we'll be:

- Studying a variety of maps
- Understanding OS symbols
- Using compasses and setting routes
- Investigating changes in land

In Enough for Everyone, we'll be:

- Studying sources of renewable energy.
- Studying methods of power generation used in the UK.
- Calculating food miles.
- Investigating ways to reduce our energy use and food and water waste.

We will also continue to work on our core and other subjects by investigating materials in Science, pastels in Art and Buddhism/Christianity in RE.

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 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.

Following on from 5HG's swimming lessons, 5AP will be having 8 weeks of swimming lessons as part of the PE programme of study. This will take place at Sportspace on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure your child has the correct kit for these days. 5SW's lessons will be in the summer term.

During the second half of the term, Year 5 will be involved in their production of Oliver. Please support your child in learning the words to the songs.

#### Forthcoming Events

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 14 March and Thursday 16 March.

Years 5 Production: Tuesday 28 March (afternoon) and Wednesday 29 March (evening).



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If you have any other questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us through the office or via your child's contact book. It has been a pleasure for staff to work with Year 5 so far this academic year and we all look forward to a positive and successful spring term. The term ends on Friday 31 March.

Yours sincerely

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