



Friday 7th April 2017

Here, There & Everywhere

Dear Parents / Guardian

In our English lessons we will be reading about the adventures of Paddington Bear whilst continuing to focus on our writing skills and plugging gaps from previous steps. We will also continue to develop the children's understanding of language and writing in weekly S.P.A.G. and comprehension lessons. As you are aware all children in year 5 are now signed up to Accelerated Reader and have a ZPD reading range. Children should be aiming to read daily for 15 minutes and quiz regularly to further develop their reading and comprehension skills.

In Maths lessons children will be learning about Measurement, Geometry and Perimeter and Area. We will also continue to focus on developing the children's calculation skills and rapid recall of their times tables. Additionally, there will be opportunities for the children to apply their maths skills across the curriculum, including a Money Sense workshop where the children will be joined by a visitor from a local bank.

In our Geography lessons we will be learning about North and South America. The children will use a range of resources whilst researching and learning about settlements, locating countries, climatic and environmental regions. Children will also have the opportunity to develop their skills in Art lessons where we will be making links to our topic.

Science will be taught by Mrs Gilroy and the children will be focusing on developing their scientific investigation and reasoning skills.

P.E. will be taught on a Tuesday and Wednesday in term five and Wednesday and Friday in term six. Children should have a green Grangefield t-shirt and jumper. Navy shorts, skort or tracksuit bottoms, a change of white socks and suitable trainers.

In our Computing lessons we will be using the Internet to support research and look at how databases are used effectively.

Music for the term is very exciting as through the Gloucestershire Wider Opportunity scheme, which is funded by school, the children will have 10 weeks of learning a brass instrument. There will be an assembly at the end to which you will be invited.

Homework will continue to be given weekly. Maths and/or English homework will be set each week allowing the children to consolidate their learning. Children will continue to have weekly spellings sent home which are specific to upper key stage two and will be assessed every Friday. Daily reading should be completed for 15 minutes a day.

We also have some exciting ideas in the pipeline to further engage and inspire the children so watch this space!

The children have worked extremely hard this term and have been very busy. They should be very pleased and proud of their efforts; they have certainly earned their break.

We hope that the children are looking forward to the summer term as much as we are!

Enjoy your Easter break - rest, play and eat chocolate!

Mr Allard & Mrs Lack