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Year 5 – No Place Like Home

Dear Parents,

The children are very excited about our new topic, No Place like Home, which focuses on homes through the ages. The children have already created some of the display work as part of our class swap days for the classroom and have been set the task of producing a poster of their own home.

We start our time travels in the present day working back through the First World War, Victorians, Tudors and culminating in the Medieval period in time for Christmas. Linking our History and DT topics, the children will be building their own house using inspiration from the different time periods.

In our English lessons we will look at: Quest and Wishing Tales as part of our fiction writing and Discussion and Report texts as part of our non-fiction writing which will link with other curriculum subjects. We will also continue to develop our understanding of language and writing in weekly S.P.A.G. and Comprehension lessons.

In our Maths lessons we will be covering: Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Measurement, Geometry and Shape and Statistics. In addition to these lessons we will continue developing our Mental Maths and Calculation strategies, with a particular focus on application following a fast paced cyclical programme.

Science focuses on Living Things and Life cycles in which through their studies the children will create a textile based learning resource for Reception's minibeast topic. The children will also focus on materials which will come in useful when deciding which materials to use in building their house.

PE will be taught on a **Monday** morning and **Wednesday** afternoon. Please make sure that all children have the correct P.E. kit, all kit is clearly labelled and in school for these days. We will be having PE in the first week back so all kits must be in.

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.

The children's drawing skills will be the main focus of our Art through the term as well as learning about collaging.

Homework will be given weekly, Daily reading should be completed and stickers are given weekly for children who have read the minimum 4 times or more over the week. Maths homework will be set weekly and be sent home in a home work book which can be used to support future learning. English homework will be set and focus on developing specific skills required by Year 5 writers.

I hope that the children are looking forward to the next topic as much as we are we have plans for lots of interesting activities! The children have a very busy term ahead of them in September. Please make sure you have a restful summer and come back ready for the challenge.

See you in September,

Mr Allard & Mrs Lack