



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic Christmas holiday and managed to celebrate with friends and family. The children have all made a positive start back to the New Year and seem ready to learn which is fantastic to see. This letter will give you a brief overview of some of the key information for this term.

PE Days

As shown on the enquiry web attached, Year 5 will be doing swimming this term, starting after half term. Prior to swimming, Year 5 are doing tag rugby and tennis, while Year 6 are doing football and circuits. Children are expected to come in in full PE kit- *a red t-shirt, black/ dark coloured shorts and a black/ navy jumper*. Please ensure that this kit is appropriate for the weather. A light waterproof is a great addition for wet days.

PE days:

SAB- Mondays and Tuesdays

BCL- Wednesdays and Thursdays

RSO- Thursdays and Fridays

DMO- Tuesdays and Thursdays

Year 5 Swimming- Mondays after half term

A separate letter regarding swimming will be sent out nearer the time. The first session is Monday 19th February.

Forest School

This term, there is no change to the timetable for Forest School. The days are still as follows:

SAB- Thursday afternoon. BCL- Friday afternoon.

It is essential that children are sent in with waterproofs and appropriate clothing for the weather. Lots of layers are always advised so that children can remove them if they get warmer!

Geography Enquiries

This term, year 5 and year 6 will be doing two separate enquiries:

Our Year 6 enquiry question is: "Why do so many people in the world live in Megacities?" This enquiry will allow the children to have a deep conceptual understanding of what a city is, how they have developed over the years to become megacities and their worldwide distribution. In order to understand this, they will learn how communities change due to changes in employment, housing and safety and how this affects population growth/decline of urban areas. In this enquiry, they will complete a case study on Milton Keynes and New York City, deepening their place knowledge.

In Year 5, we will be focusing our learning on Geography too. We will explore the key question of, "How does climate change affect us all?" In this enquiry, the children will work on key geographical map skills, as well as understanding climate and how this is changing. We will investigate how different countries are affected by climate change and where extreme weathers are now found. In this enquiry, children will learn about Senegal, Greenland and Australia. This enquiry also ties in with

learning in Drama, taught to both Year 5 classes by Mrs Oke. At the end of this half term, the children will write their own scripts for a TV news report, as well as present and record it.

Year 6 Residential

Please note, you can pay your balance in instalments on MCAS. The residential is coming around very quickly- we leave for Bristol on Thursday 25th January! A letter detailing packing list and further information will be sent out in due course.

For those children not attending the residential, we have planned some fun and exciting activities to do in school.

A letter has been sent out to gauge interest in our second residential at PGL Beam House in Torrington. This is the more adventurous activity based residential and is a superb opportunity for children to develop their self-confidence and push themselves out of their comfort zones. Please contact the office if you have not received this letter, as we need to provisionally book this soon.

Key Dates:

Bikeability- there are several dates for this with different groups taking part on different days. Please check for a letter if your child signed up.

Thursday 18th January- PTFA Pantomime- in school

Thursday 25th- Friday 26th January- Year 6 Residential to Bristol

Half term- Monday 12th February- Friday 16th February

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Clement, Miss Southam, Mr Moore, Mr Abell and Mrs Oke