



Tuesday 7th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a relaxing half term break.

Our question for this term is: **What are the physical and human features of Gloucestershire?**

In this geography topic, we will embark on a fascinating journey of discovery by locating Gloucestershire on UK map and identifying some of its main features through exploring a variety of images and online mapping. We will also learn about different forests in Gloucestershire and focus on the physical and human features of Forest of Dean. We will conclude the topic by discovering how Forest of Dean has changed over time due to deforestation and the impact this has had on tourism in the area.

Termly project

Children can choose one of the following topics for their projects:

1. The history of Forest of Dean: How has Forest of Dean changed over time?
2. Tourism in Forest of Dean
3. Mining in Forest of dean
4. Deforestation in Forest of Dean
5. Population and housing in Forest of Dean
6. Wildlife in Forest of Dean

Children can choose from one of the following formats to present their learning:

- Write a non-chronological report.
- A powerpoint presentation. Children should avoid putting too much writing on the slides – instead they should use bullet points, pictures and prompts on the slides to expand on each bullet point in their own words.
- A 3D model with a detailed written explanation of the chosen aspect.
- A poster/ a minibook /a leaflet.

PE

Swimming will continue this term on the following dates:

November: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and 6th Dec.

Please ensure that your child brings in a towel, swimming costume, pair of goggles (optional) and a swimming cap (optional). Girls should be able to remove their own ear studs prior to the swimming session.

Every Friday, children will need to come to school wearing their PE kits (coloured, house T- shirts, black shorts and pumps). During colder months, children can wear black tracksuit bottoms and trainers for outdoor PE.

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Homework

Please find below the homework timetable for this term, with deadlines and the teacher responsible. In case a homework sheet is lost or misplaced, there are spares available in class.

Day homework set	Subject	Teacher in charge and deadlines
Ongoing activities	Reading	At least 3 times a week with an entry made in Home/School diary by parents/ carers for every time they read. Home/School diary checked by Mrs Omar every Monday.
	Termly Project	Due on: Monday 11 th December 2023 (Mrs Omar)
	TT Rockstars	Once a week for 10 minutes. (Mrs Omar)
Tuesday Maths and English homework will be given on alternate weeks.	Maths	Due in: Monday (Mrs Omar)
	English	Due in: Monday (Mr Vaughan)
Thursday	Spellings	Spelling test every Wednesday (Mrs Omar)

Your continued support at home with your child's learning is very much appreciated as time spent helping them with reading, spelling, timetables and other homework activities enables them to make good progress during the year.

Partnership with Cheltenham College

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that during Term 2 and 3, Year 5 will be going to Cheltenham College on Wednesday afternoons to attend DT and Science lessons in specialist environments and with specialist subject teachers from the College. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have this opportunity as it will help deepen and enrich our children's learning in these subject areas.

Class Dojo

We very much look forward to keeping in contact with parents and carers via Class Dojo. However, please remember that although Class Dojo allows easier communication of messages and sharing of pupils' work, it is not checked during lesson time or out-of-hours. It should not, therefore, be relied upon for communicating urgent messages such as school absences and any last minute changes in pick up arrangements; these should be reported directly to school office.

And finally...

We are all looking forward to an exciting term ahead! We thank you in advance for your support at home. Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact a member of Year 5 staff.

Mrs Omar, Mr Vaughan and Miss Bennett

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