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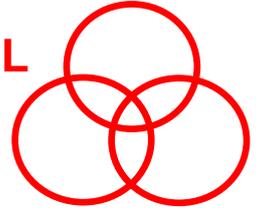
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing and peaceful Easter break.

Our topic across the summer term is Polar Regions and The Americas.

Curriculum

This term we will be examining the features of the Polar Regions and the Americas and developing children's geographical skills using maps and atlases. The children will apply prior learning about our planet and its climate and build on their knowledge of the Earth's rotation and seasonal changes. We will be writing poetry, learning how creatures adapt and survive in the hostile polar climate and finding out about famous explorers of the Antarctic and the Arctic. We will build up to writing our own adventure stories! Next, we will move on to studying the Americas and writing persuasive texts and formal arguments. Together we will continue to focus on different aspects of grammar and extend the children's vocabulary and accuracy in spelling.

Maths lessons will include work on; decimals and percentages, decimals, properties of shape, position and direction, converting units of measurement and measuring volume as well as revising and consolidating areas we have already learned about during the rest of the year. Reasoning and problem solving are a continuing focus in maths, enabling the children to develop a deeper understanding of maths as a relevant and powerful tool which can be used in a variety of settings. The children will also continue to develop their mathematical skills through regular investigations.

In our science lessons, we are first exploring Living Things and Their Habitats followed by Animals, Including Humans. The children will be developing an understanding of lifecycles, different parts of flowers and how they reproduce, moving on to learning how animals adapt according to their habitat. This will link up to our topic work as we will study animals living in polar regions and the Americas. After the half term break, we will then look at Forces. The class will explore falling objects and raise questions about the effects of air resistance, discover the effects of friction on movement and find out how it slows or stops moving objects, and experiment how levers and pulleys effect movement on simple machines.





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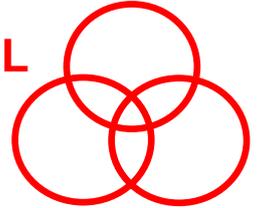
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Our R.E. areas of study are Easter, Pentecost and Mission. This will involve making links between Holy Week, Easter and the life of the church, studying the Easter Vigil, discussing the story of Lazarus and looking at symbolism of the resurrection. We will also focus on the universal nature of the church and The Holy Spirit as a part of the Trilogy. Our multi-faith lessons will be based around Hinduism.

In our music lessons we will be focusing on Soul and Gospel music, listening to, appraising, and comparing a variety of songs. We will also be learning to play glockenspiels to 'Lean on me' by Bill Withers.

This term in Art, Year 5 will be investigating shade and tone, creating polar images, demonstrating camouflage and our D&T project will involve creating 3D sculptures.

An exciting change to the Year 5 timetable for the summer term is that Mrs. Perez will be teaching our class Spanish once a week. This is something I know many children have really been looking forward to.

Homework

Homework will continue to be given on **Fridays** and needs to be handed in on **Wednesday**. It will usually be marked that day, so it is essential the children remember to bring their homework in on Wednesdays. In addition to reading regularly, your child can also log into Timetables Rockstars. I recommend them practising their tables for 10 minutes a day as this will make all the difference to their learning in Maths.

PE kit

We are still scheduled to have PE on **Mondays**, and pupils are still expected to attend school that day in their PE kit, which includes suitable footwear.

Water Bottles

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure that children are bringing in a named water bottle, containing water only, so they can have a drink as and when they need one. Drink bottles may be left in school but do need to go home every Friday to be cleaned.

Snacks

As you will know, Key Stage 2 children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack for





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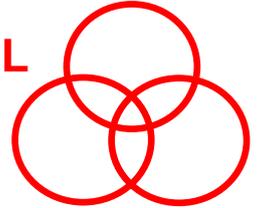
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breaktime, however there have been more crisps and chocolate bars appearing, so as a school we are reminding everyone that breaktime snacks should be healthy.

Thank you so much for your support, I look forward to our final term in Year 5!

Kind regards,
Mrs. Boodell

