Dear Parents, April 2025

**Upper School – Class 16, 17 and 18**

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| **Topic** | In classes 16, 17 and 18, our first topic will be ‘Summit To Sea’, which is a geography and science topic. We will be identifying the effects of water resistance and learning about the water cycle. Additionally, we will be learning about the main features of rivers and mountains as well as understanding how rivers effect human geography. After Half Term, our topic will be ‘Invaders and Settlers’, a history topic, where we will examine why Britain was invaded and settled and how the Saxons and Vikings have shaped the story of our country. |
| **Maths** | During this term, we will be enhancing our knowledge of place value, focusing on decimal places. In addition to this we will be looking at the relationship between decimals, fractions and percentages. We will continue to consolidate our learning about angles at a point and through turns in multiples of 90. We will use all four operations involving measure – length, mass volume, time and money, including decimal notation. As well as all of this, we will continue to learn about the properties of shape, handle statistics and interpret tables, charts and timetables. |
| **English** | Throughout the Summer Term, we will be reading ‘The Philosopher’s Stone’, which is the first book in the Harry Potter series, and a story well-known and much loved by the children, so we know that they will be particularly excited by their work in English this term. The story will be a brilliant inspiration for creative writing through a range of activities such as letter writing, newspaper reports as well as consolidate their skills in describing character and setting. As their journey in year 5 continues, the children will be taking on greater opportunities for independent learning in lessons, as well as enhancing vital spelling, grammar, and punctuation skills. As always, we encourage the children to reinforce their knowledge of spelling rules and patterns by continuing to practice regularly at home. Every day we are further developing and honing our vocabulary and reading skills during our VIPERS reading session. In addition to which, reading at home with an adult is still important to expose children to higher level vocabulary. |

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**Mr Davies** **Mrs Edwards Mrs Brampton and Mrs Reynolds**

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