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Dear Parents / Carers

### **Re: Year 5/6 Wow Day – Spring Term**

In Spring Term, children in Years 5 & 6 will be working on a very exciting topic called 'Why Does It Always Rain on Me?'

It is a geography unit that focuses on the following knowledge and skills:

- The water cycle;
- Rivers - locally and nationally, then we will compare UK rivers to some key rivers of the world;
- River features, including their key aspects, erosion and systems;
- Land formation due to river erosion;
- Flooding and flood defences;
- Climate change and water, including the impact of global warming on the ice caps.

In line with the Geography curriculum, we will also undertake a field trip in the local area, and this will form part of our Wow Day to introduce the topic on **Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup>**. On that day, we will visit the river at Nettleton and conduct some sketch mapping, both manually and by using digital technologies. We will also survey river pollution and water levels. The field trip will take place in the morning, so it will not affect lunchtime orders or arrangements. In the afternoon, we will enjoy some water-related activities, including creating our own water cycle in a zip-lock bag!

Should children want to carry out some research into our new topic over the holidays, they might look at the key waterways in the United Kingdom, or some of the world's major rivers, such as the Nile, Amazon, Yangtze, Danube and Mississippi Rivers. What are the features of these river systems (physical geography), and how do people use them for their livelihoods – what is the impact of that on the rivers (human geography)?

If any children choose to prepare some work to share with classmates, we will happily showcase it as part of our Wow Day activities – it's a good chance to get out the atlas at home and create some wonderful maps!

The 5/6 teaching team is very much looking forward to launching our new topic, and we're positive that the children will love learning about the geography of water!

Kind regards  
Mrs Parry  
Year 5/6 Teacher

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