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Year 5 and 6 Term 3/4 Project **What unites humanity in our diverse world?**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term.

Please find attached an overview of the learning planned for terms 3 & 4 within our project of 'What unites humanity in our diverse world?' In this project we will be learning about Africa as a continent and more specifically, the country of Ethiopia. I am sure this will be both an exciting and interesting project complemented by the fantastic book we are reading, 'The Garbage King', by Elizabeth Laird. It contains many themes which we think will develop the children's thinking about the world and what links people together, whatever their circumstances. Key aspects we will focus on are the human and physical geography of the country along with issues such as poverty, homelessness and education. We will also be making comparison with the UK. The project opportunities are varied and we have already started off the term with a WOW day where the children did Ethiopian weaving and designing geometric patterns with compasses.

Our forthcoming WOW days across the two terms will include walking to and up Crook(s) Peak, a visit to the Waste Management Centre at Uphill and hopefully visitors who will teach the children African Drumming, African Dancing and Storytelling – how exciting!

We will end our project with a showcase of all our learning which will be shared with parents and members of the community. We will let you know the dates for all of these events, very soon. If there are any parents or members of the community who would like to share anything they have related to Africa and/or Ethiopia, please let us know! It was fantastic to have a number of parents / grandparents who came in and shared their experiences, knowledge and artefacts in our previous project. It makes such a difference to the children's overall understanding and enjoyment of what we are learning.

This is the term when children will be making amazing progress as we head towards SATs. Homework will continue to be important and children need to use it as a time to consolidate their learning. They should be spending extra time improving their times table recall, spellings and stamina for reading in addition to the homework that is set. The children will be given maths revision books and will be invited to an extra maths after school session in terms 4 and 5. You will get more information about SATs shortly.

We are really looking forward to an exciting and productive term,

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Gould, Mrs Jenkinson, Mrs Thyer

