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*Be strong and  
courageous.....for  
the Lord your God is  
with you*

January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Prime VR workshop!**  
**25<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

I am excited to share that the children will be experiencing the Prime VR workshops again this academic year. We will be bringing areas of the curriculum to life through an immersive virtual reality experience with PrimeVR. This has been hugely successful in previous years and I am sure children are excited to try different workshops linking to their learning!



PrimeVR is able to bring the outside world into the classroom and transport students through time and space. Imagine visiting the Colosseum whilst learning about the Romans or blasting off into space during a topic on the Solar System... Trying to understand and conceptualise a topic that you read about in a book can be difficult. Immersive technology such as VR brings a student one step closer to their topic and can help them to understand, relate and engage with their learning.

Each class' workshop will relate to one of their recent or current topics:

Year 3 - The Rainforest

Year 4 – Around the World

Year 5 - Space

Year 6 – WW2

The workshop will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February and will spark some exciting creative writing. The cost of the workshop will be £5.70 per child and therefore we are requesting this as a voluntary contribution. Please can we



request that voluntary payment for this workshop be made via Parent Pay. Please do not send in cash or cheques; this payment will be set up on your Parent Pay account. We would ask that payment is made as soon as possible and by the latest of 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

Please be advised that we will only be able to go ahead with the experience if there are sufficient voluntary contributions. If you anticipate any difficulties in making a contribution, please contact the Headteacher, and the matter will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Requesting financial contributions for an educational visit

### School Trips – Voluntary Contributions

It has been brought to the school's attention that perhaps some parents are unsure why schools ask for a voluntary contribution but then contact parents when they have not contributed. Our letters are written in a way that does not exclude a child because a parent is unable or unwilling to pay for a trip. Below is an explanation as to why we promote school trips but also why we ask for voluntary contributions.

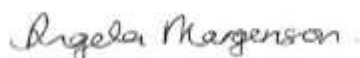
The value and importance of educational visit:

Learning outside the classroom is widely recognised as a valuable and effective means of extending pupil knowledge, enriching pupil understanding, and promoting personal and social development. Ofsted also acknowledge the importance of quality learning experiences outside the classroom for raising pupil attainment. Consequently, this school promotes and encourages the organisation of educational visits for all its pupils, and it is hoped that parents will also recognise the value and importance of these visits, and give their full support.

Cost of the Visit:

The school believes wholeheartedly in the value of these experiences, and subsidises the cost of all visits as much as possible in an attempt to ensure that these opportunities are accessible and affordable to all. However, the school seldom has the financial resources to pay the full costs. Consequently, a voluntary contribution is normally requested from parents/guardians to make up the shortfall. This contribution is genuinely voluntary, and neither you nor your child will be treated differently if you are unable or choose not to contribute. However, please note that without all such voluntary contributions, visits may have to be cancelled, as the school is not in a position to provide further financial support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A. Margerison

Assistant Headteacher, Year 5.

