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Dear Families

Welcome to the new term, we can't believe we have your children for only 2 more half terms!

In maths we will be finishing our work on decimals before moving onto geometry and time. Rebirth provides our plot for our literacy stories along with specific grammar eg relative clauses. In non-narrative, we'll be focusing on news articles. I look forward to debating topical issues with them!

We continue to have Spanish this term and also have a visit from the Sun Dome to look forward to next month as well as a visit from the Community Nurse during Flour Babies week. Our PE this term is swimming on a Tuesday afternoon.

Year 5 will be learning about life cycles, gestation periods and stages of human development this term. Flour Babies Week will be from Monday 20 May to Friday 24 May. The aim of this week, which deliberately coincides with the nurse's visit regarding puberty, is to highlight the responsibility of parenting. Congratulations on your new family member! Each child will be given a 'baby' to be responsible for at all times during the week (including at home). There will be a naming ceremony and each baby will be weighed, should your child wish to, they may then dress their baby. They are also welcome to bring buggies/prams/slings in to transport their baby each day. Mrs Addison and I will be modelling how to care for a baby and will provide babysitting services during assemblies only. The ground rules are to: bring baby in every day; keep them safe, warm, clean and fed (in other words put time aside for 'changing their nappies, giving them a bottle, bathing them', etc.); take them everywhere; take good care of their baby and respect each others; ensure babies be accompanied at all times (no more than 3 with a willing babysitter); always be gentle; report and care for any neglected babies. We will be watching carefully for any form of neglect eg losing weight, mishandling etc. A babysitting service can only be provided by willing participants for no more than 1 hour at any time, including at home. A daily diary will need to be completed at school and at home and this will form their homework for the week. Your support for a successful week is very much appreciated.

For our outcome there will be a presentation of work by the children followed by a family picnic. Flour babies will then come home at the end of the day.

You are very welcome to our outcome, which will be in Y5 at **11.30 pm** on **Friday 24 May**.

As we're sure you know, being punctual for the start (and end) of the day is in the best interests of the children - especially as we strive to put interventions in place for them which start at the beginning of the school day (8.55). We really appreciate your support in this matter.

Any questions, please see me in the playground or send an email to the office.

Thank you for your continued support in our learning.

Mrs Martin and Mrs Addison