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Dear Families

Welcome to our last term!

In maths we will be covering 3D shapes, volume and revisiting tricky place value objectives such as rounding to 100000. Creation myths are our fiction focus, paying particular attention to spellings and engaging the reader by utilising a variety of techniques. In non-narrative, we'll be focusing on explanation texts before moving on to our last poetry unit of the year.

Swimming continues on a Tuesday afternoon and, weather permitting, we'll be practising throwing and catching skills along with Sports Day races.

Our topic this term is Earth and Space – we will be looking in particular at the movement of the Earth around the Sun, the Moon's orbit of the Earth, how we know these are spherical (approximately) and how day and night occur. We'll also be looking at the planets in the Solar System, in particular, the distances from the Sun. This activity will involve lots of toilet paper! We will also be listening to Holst's Planets and creating our own space music! We have a fantastic trip lined up next month to complete our topic. On Tuesday 16 July, we are going to Greenwich Observatory which is a fabulous opportunity and one which I hope everyone will find awesome! A separate letter detailing this trip has been sent out from the office.

Tuesday 9 July is our Science Fair Day. Your child has the next few weeks to prepare an exhibit on the theme of Earth and Space to present on this date. The exhibit can be made of any medium but must be able to sit on a table. Classes will be valuing each other's work during the day and you are welcome to come in and see all the exhibits from 2.45pm onwards.

Sadly we have to say goodbye to Mrs Addison this month as she prepares herself to welcome Baby Addison. We're all thrilled for her and her family and I'm sure you join me in wishing her all the best. As a major part of the Y5 team, she will be missed by us all, hugely, and we thank her sincerely for her constant kindness, professionalism and hard work over the year.

If you have 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