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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are well and had a relaxing Easter break! I'd like to say a huge thank you for your support last term, your understanding and positivity has been much appreciated. We are so excited for a full term of in class learning!

Our topic this term is **Noble Natural Historians** with the driving question: **'Extinction is a natural process, right?'** In science, we will focus on the life cycle and process of plants and animals. We've already explored our school pond for wildlife and planted some new flowers to watch their growth over the term. In art, We will use our observations of the pond and wildlife around us to help us produce some fantastic zoological drawings and printing! We will also be creating our own David Attenborough inspired documentaries on our favourite life-cycles in ICT.

In literacy this term, we will be writing wishing tales and non-chronological reports whilst developing our grammar and punctuation which this term will include prefixes, suffixes and standard English. 'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver is our guided reading book for this term. In maths we will complete our unit on fractions and begin to look into decimals.

Our learning in PSHE this term will focus on 'Relationships' particularly with our friends and those online. We will be learning about how to be safe online, our responsibilities and rights online and our relationship with technology. In Modern Foreign Languages, we will be practising listening, reading and writing in Spanish and our RE this term considers the question 'What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?'

Swimming will be on Tuesdays, after lunch, and PE lessons will be on Thursday afternoons. Some points to remember:

- Please provide a swimming costume and hat
- No jewellery is permitted in the pool; so any earrings must be taken out
- If, for any reason, you wish for your child not to swim or take part in a PE lesson, please may we ask for a written note from you.
- PE will be taking place outside until further notice. It is important the students come into school on a Thursday wearing an appropriate outdoor kit.
- To avoid lost kits, costumes, and hats can you please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.

- Please also ensure they bring water to school in a labelled bottle.

For homework, the children will have MyMaths homework-it is available from Friday and is expected to be completed by the next Friday. Spellings are now available online via Spelling Shed. The children will be provided with copies of their logins. We will continue with our tests every Friday so it is in their interest to practise. Paper copies are available for those who experience technical difficulties.

Our outcome this term will be on Thursday 27th May (details to be confirmed).

I hope this letter covers any queries about the start of term. If you have any questions please feel free to talk to me after school (if possible) or email the office.

Thank you again for your support, we look forward to another exciting term of learning!
Best Wishes,

Miss Rockett and the Year 5 Team