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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are well and had a relaxing half-term! 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 another term of fantastic 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. We will continue to read 'Wonder' by R.J Palacio in guided reading. In maths we will complete our unit on fractions and begin to look into decimals.

Our learning in PSHE this term will focus on 'Healthy Me' particularly on a healthy body image. We will be learning about making healthy choices, being physically active and knowing how to be a good friend. In Modern Foreign Languages, we will be practising listening, reading and writing in Spanish and our RE this term considers the question 'How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?'

PE this term is going to be on a **Thursday** afternoon with a focus on Hockey. Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit on Thursdays. If your child has their ears pierced, please make sure that they can remove their earrings themselves or provide plasters to cover them up. Children with long hair will need to have their hair tied up so please provide your child with a hairband if necessary.

For **homework**, children will continue to be set spellings to practise on **SpellingShed** and an activity **MyMaths** every Monday which will be required to be completed by the Friday (paper copies can be provided for anyone who experiences technical difficulties). Children will be tested on their spellings every Friday so it is in their interest to practise these. We also ask that

children read for 10 minutes each day. This can be to themselves, to you or a sibling, Please encourage reading everywhere in every way you can. If you could also record at least three of these in your child's reading record this would be appreciated.

The **outcome** for this term will be in the final week of the term. There will be a letter to follow with more details.

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