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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well and you all had a lovely Easter holiday.

This term we will be launching our new topic (**Poisonous Plastics**) by creating a model of our favourite sea creatures from various types of plastics. This topic will be looking at the properties of plastics, how they affect our environment and whether there is a solution to plastic pollution. This links well with our science this term which is properties and changes of materials. We will be using geographical skills to help us understand the journey of plastic around the world and how it affects us in Harwell.

In **literacy** this term, the children will be learning about a fictional rebirth story, followed by a non-fiction discussion text on the importance of recycling. Also, we will begin our new book 'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver in our guided reading sessions. In **maths**, we will be covering the rest of the decimals and properties of shapes.

Our learning in **PSHE** this term will focus on 'Relationships'. Within this unit, we will be exploring different types of friendships and the feelings associated with them. We will also be explaining how to stay safe when using technology to communicate with friends including how to stand up for ourselves, negotiate and resist peer pressure.

PE this term is going to be on a **Thursday** afternoon. 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 on Thursday 25th May(details to follow)

If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to ask after school or send an email via the office. Thank you for all of your continued support and here's to another exciting term of learning.

Warm regards,

Miss Rockett and the Year 5 teams.