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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful half term! I would like to thank you for coming to our outcome at the end of last term. We enjoyed showing off our in class learning and home projects! Our topic this term is **'Ruthless Romans'** which contributes to our learning around **'Ancient Romans vs Ancient Greeks'** and the overarching question:

Clash of the Empires: Who had the greatest influence on the western world?

This term we will be focusing on the growth of the Roman Empire, the impact it had on Britain and influential figures during this time. We will also be looking into mosaics, patterns and printing in Art.

Alongside our topic, we will be looking at **'Animals including Humans'** in science. At some point during this term, the children will be expected to look after our own babies (1.5kg bag of flour!) for a week. The children will bring home a log and a diary which they are expected to fill out each day on their experience as a new parent. Previous years have absolutely loved this activity and I am excited to do it with this year group. Further information will be posted on Dojo about this activity closer to the time.

In **English** this term, we will be writing a historical story and a recount whilst developing our grammar and punctuation which this term will include increasing detail in our sentences using relative and embedded clauses and adding show not tell within our writing. **'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'** by Louis Sachar will continue to be our guided reading book for this term. In **maths**, we will be learning about multiplication and division.

PE will continue to be on Thursday, all children must come to school in their PE kit ready for their PE lesson in the afternoon. This term, we will be doing our PE lessons indoors so children can wear their indoor kit. Please bear in mind that they will be going outside in their kit during the school day (break and lunchtimes) so shorts may not be the best idea! PE will start the first week back so the first PE lesson will be on 02/11/23.

The children have done so well at completing their **homework** so far in Year 5, thank you for all of your support with this. Spellings will continue to be set every Monday and will be due on the Friday of that week. English and maths homework will be alternated on a Wednesday and due the following Wednesday.

In our **PSHE** lessons this term, the children will be exploring the topic 'celebrating difference'. All of our PSHE lessons are always taught at an age appropriate level, if you have any questions regarding anything that we cover in PSHE please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I hope this letter covers any queries about the new term.

If you have any questions please email the office. Thank you again for your support. I have enjoyed teaching this class so much and I look forward to another exciting term of learning!

Best wishes, Miss Rockett and the Year 5 Team