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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5, after a somewhat challenging end to the previous year. We would like to start by saying that we, as a year group and a school, are ensuring that as many measures as possible are put into action to ensure that your children are as safe as we can make them.

Our topic this term is called Tropical Terrors, where we will be looking at the structure of the rainforest and the sorts of animals that live there. We will also be looking at some of the Ancient indigenous people that lived there, the Maya. The children will be finding out about where and how they lived.

Our English work will focus on description for this term, taking into account areas that might not have been covered in Year 4. We will return to word classes and explore the use of paragraphs and sentence construction. The classes will then extend their knowledge of fronted adverbials and the use of conjunctions, to make sentences more complex. Our reading will also review finding information from a text and word meaning in context. The children will also be returning to handwriting and spelling strategies.

For the maths, we will review the children's knowledge from Year Four, starting with place value and exploring rounding to 10, 100 and 1000 and mental multiplication. At the end of the term, we will move onto reviewing the four operations and the written methods. Obviously, we will ensure that the children have lots of opportunities to problem solve, using these methods. The year group will also be reviewing the 3 and 4 times tables, moving onto the 6 and 7s by the end of the term, so any work you can do with the children on this would be appreciated.

Alongside this, the year group will also be studying the parts of a flower and how they reproduce in Science. The children will also learn more about the experimental process. This will then lead to the children finding out about habitats and how they affect the plants and animals that live there.

Our RE will be looking at places of worship and in PSHE we will focus on making changes and new beginnings. Computing will consist of learning more about E-Safety and using databases. Finally, our outside PE will be basketball on a Tuesday afternoon. Unfortunately, inside PE is somewhat curtailed by the needs of the pandemic, but will be reinstated in term 2.

The year group will continue to work on the times tables system from last year and we will be trialling (alongside Year 6) a new spelling system (watch this space). Please encourage your children to continue to wash their hands on a regular basis. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch with us either by ringing the office or emailing the school (we will respond as soon as we can). Thank you for your patience and support.

Best Wishes

Mr Smith and Mrs Dendy-Taylor