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Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed some family time. The Summer Term is now underway and we are all looking forward to exploring our new topics and challenges. This newsletter will give you information about what you and your child can expect for their last term in Year 5.

We will be starting our Life Cycles topic with a fantastic trip to Marwell Zoo. In addition to this extended curriculum opportunity, Year 5 are also ready to travel back in time and study the ancient Maya and the wonderful country of Mexico for our final two topics!

Reminders

PE - We are excited to remind you that our swimming lessons will start this term and continue until the 5th July as part of our PE provision. It is essential that your child has the correct kit each week:

- *Boys - Swimming trunks or short swimming shorts (please avoid long surfer-style or boarding shorts, this is a health and safety requirement)*
- *Girls - A one piece swimming costume (please avoid bikinis for practical reasons)*
- *A towel*
- *A bag for swimming kit*
- *Swimming hat*

Our other PE lessons are still timetabled on a Monday, but as ever, please ensure your child has their complete (named!) PE kit in school every day as sometimes the timetable may change, or we may be participating in special events that require PE kit.

Home Learning - Just as last term, tasks to be completed at home will continue to be set weekly on a Thursday to be handed in on a Tuesday. It is anticipated that your child should spend around 30 minutes each week and should expect to receive the following:

➤ **Spelling and Grammar**

Children will continue to be set weekly spellings that usually follow a particular pattern or rule. They will be tested weekly to ensure the rules are understood. Grammar and punctuation tasks will continue to be set weekly. The task will be posted on the 'Homework' section of the website. Later in the term we will be setting some more creative topic challenges with a choice of activities based on our current learning.

➤ **Maths**

We will continue to set children homework on MyMaths. The tasks set on this will either be linked to the current topic in maths, or a task which will aid their ability to recall and use basic number facts efficiently. It has come to our attention that a number of children have not been completing their Maths homework each week. Please support us in reminding your children to do this. We will also continue to teach and test a range of maths fluency skills in our wizarding maths magician sessions. Please ensure your child learns their tables and calculations to enable them to achieve the next level of certificates. If your child is still on Mage- they now need to focus on learning their tables daily- use MyMaths or hit the button to ensure this is embedded ready for Year 6.

➤ **Reading**

In addition to their written home learning, we ask that all children bring their reading record into school daily to enable us to review their reading at home and record reading completed in school. We encourage the children to read five times a week and would be grateful if you could sign the entries that your child has made. Thank you for supporting us, and please contact us if you have any worries about your child's reading.

Thank you for your continued support.

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