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### Welcome Back Year 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well. As we start the new half term, we would like to share details about our upcoming curriculum activities that promise to be both engaging and educational for the children.

This term, we will be exploring the fascinating topic of endangered animals. We will be reading *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold, which beautifully highlights the challenges faced by these creatures. Following our reading, the children will engage in a creative writing task where they will write a setting description of Antarctica, inspiring them to think about this wonderful environment. In addition to this, our wider curriculum will support the children in writing a discussion text on the relevant issue of whether zoos should exist. This will encourage our children to consider the differing perspectives on this topic. We are incredibly excited about our upcoming trip to Marwell Zoo, which will greatly enhance our learning!

In Mathematics, we will be delving into decimals, money, and time. Please encourage your child to practise telling the time to the nearest one minute, using both the 12-hour and 24-hour clock formats. As the saying goes, "practise makes progress." Furthermore, it is essential for the children to learn their times tables up to 12 x 12, and we kindly ask for your support with this.

Additionally, we would like to remind you that PE takes place every Tuesday. Children will need a change of clothes appropriate for the weather, including black shorts or jogging bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a black hoodie, and a change of footwear. It is also important for your child to have a water bottle in school, as they will be active and will need to stay hydrated.

As well as practising times tables, reading at home is crucial in supporting your child's learning. Please make time to read with your children each day and engage them in discussions about the stories they're exploring.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to write a message in your child's school planner, and your child's class teacher will be in touch.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to this half term.

Kind regards,

Charlotte Thornton

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