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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a brand new academic year, and the first term of Year 5! It is so great to see all of the pupils back from the summer holidays. This term, our exciting topic is 'Tropical Terrors', where we will be learning about the different animals that live in the rainforest, as well as the wonderful ecosystem that they are part of. Our class novel - 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell - will provide the opportunity to explore the creative language that can be used to describe this environment.

A main focus of this term's topic will be geography, where we will be finding out about Brazil and South America, along with the habitats that exist there. Science will also be an important subject, as the life cycles of various animals will be explored. With our English work, we will be writing descriptive pieces that use figurative language, to portray the imagery and atmosphere of the Amazon Rainforest. We will also be writing non-chronological reports about some of the different creatures that live there.

In maths, we will be developing our knowledge of the place value of whole numbers and decimals, rounding and estimating different values, as well as being able to solve addition and subtraction calculations, using the correct formal written methods. The pupils will also be recapping on multiplying and dividing by 6, 7, 8 and 9, ready for their weekly times table tests. They will be able to continue to use the Times Table Rock Stars program, as they review and practise their multiplication skills.

This year, an online app called Boom Reader will be used to record the progress of the pupils as they read through a variety of texts. The pupils' logins have been sent home today, along with information on how to download the app. This digital reading record can be used by both parents and teachers, and comments can be electronically logged. If you experience any problems with it, please come and see us. Also, the pupils will continue to use their Accelerated Reader accounts to help with their fluency and understanding of different texts, where they are able to complete quizzes after finishing each book.

Finally this term, Year 5 will be doing two PE sessions on a Wednesday. They will be having dance lessons in the morning and developing tag rugby skills in the afternoon. Every Wednesday, please could the pupils come to school in their PE kits.

If you have any questions or concerns, please come and see us or contact us.

Mrs Dendy-Taylor and Miss Harland

