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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to term 5! This year seems to be flying by, and another busy term awaits! This term, we are pleased to welcome Mrs Cleary to the Year 5 team. She will be with us for term 5 to continue her teaching course.

Our **History** focus this term is **How did a pile of dragon bones help to solve an ancient Chinese mystery?** We will be looking at The Shang Dynasty, an ancient Chinese civilisation. We will be focusing on how artefacts give us clues about how they lived, but also question whether they tell us the whole story of what life was like then. Our **English** work this term will continue to explore writing in a range of genres, including journalistic writing, narrative and information texts.

Our **Science** topic is **Living things and their Habitats**. We will be comparing the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds and looking at reproduction in some plants. Later this term, we will also be taking part in a project being run by the University of York. The CCI project (Children Challenging Industry) promotes STEM subjects by using science to solve a real-life problem. We will be investigating 'cough medicine' in conjunction with Discovery Park, and at the end of the sessions a scientist from Discovery Park will be visiting to analyse our results!

In **Computing Science** we will be using selection in programming, using a Crumble Controller. This is a micro-controller that can be programmed by being connected to a computer. Our **Safer Internet** topic will be about Privacy and Security. This includes strong passwords, how apps can share personal information and how to manage app permissions to control this.

Numeracy:

This term we will be focusing on decimals and percentages, linking to our previous work on fractions.

Religious Education: We are looking at the question **'What does it mean to be Jewish in Britain today?'** We will be discussing Jewish beliefs, rituals and celebrations to explore this question.

PE: This term, our PE sessions will be on a Friday. As the weather (hopefully!) gets warmer, please ensure that your child brings a water bottle and has a hat/sun cream as appropriate.

Homework: I will continue to hand out homework on a Wednesday to be in by the following Monday. **Spellings and times tables** practise also continue to be important; new spellings are given out on a Monday – I have attached this term's spellings with this letter and they are also on Teams in the homework section. Please also continue to encourage your child to **read** at home for at least 15 minutes daily.

Thank you for your continued support this year.

Mrs M Bowles and Miss J Collister

