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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 Trip – Colchester Zoo

Year 4 will be visiting Colchester Zoo on **Thursday 4th June 2026**. This trip is an exciting part of our Science unit, 'Living things and their habitats', and will provide the children with the opportunity to see incredible animals and explore their environments firsthand.

During the day, the children will take part in a Habitat Workshop, where they will have the chance to:

- Identify how different animals are adapted to survive in their specific environments.
- Explore the concept of habitats through sounds and videos.
- Experience hands-on exploration of bio-facts that will help the children understand how the different animals survive.

Alongside the workshop, the children will explore the zoo's extensive enclosures, observing animals from across the globe and developing their scientific enquiry skills through guided observation.

Payment Information

The cost for this visit is a **TOTAL of £26.50**. To make this more manageable, we are offering the option to split this into two payments:

- **Payment 1:** £13.25 due by 17.04.26
- **Payment 2:** £13.25 due by 15.05.26

All donations are made on a voluntary basis; however, if there are insufficient contributions, we will be unable to go ahead with this visit.

Early Departure & Logistics

To ensure we have enough time to travel and make the most of our workshop, we would like to depart the school earlier than usual.

- **Drop-off:** Please drop your child at school at **8:00am**.
- **Departure:** The coach will leave promptly at **8:30am**.
- **Return:** We expect to return to school between **3:00pm and 3:15pm**, depending on traffic.

Packed Lunch Arrangements

Please provide your child with a packed lunch that is in a **disposable bag** (clearly labelled with your child's name) so that it can be thrown away once finished. Please ensure no **glass bottles** or **nut products** are included. All children will also need a refillable water bottle.

Parent Volunteers

For this trip to be possible, we would be extremely grateful for parent volunteers to accompany us. If you are able to help, please sign up using the following form. Please note, we are unable to accommodate younger siblings.

Please complete this form to give permission for your child to attend, indicate if you are able to volunteer, and confirm lunch arrangements. If more adults volunteer than we can accommodate, places will be allocated at random.

Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/KHUUNt6zUpzXca8eA>

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please feel free to contact us via the class email addresses.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 4 Team

