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Dear Leesland Year 1 Families,

In order to support our work on predators, prey and food chains we will be receiving a visit from ZooLab on Wednesday 25th March 2026.

On the day a ZooLab Ranger will bring a fascinating selection of animals into school for the children to learn about. Each class will have a session with the Ranger and they will all get the opportunity to see the animals at close range and to handle some of them themselves. On previous visits, this has been the most exciting part of the session! Don't forget to ask them what they have seen!

Although we strongly encourage all of the children to join in, no child is ever forced to handle the animals that they do not wish to. Health and safety is taken very seriously during the visit and all animals handled by the children are totally safe and unable to cause any harm.

The visit will form the basis for many of the science and literacy lessons in the following weeks and we have found that having the opportunity to ask questions to an expert and to see the animals close up in their class setting gives them a fabulous start to this work.

We do request a voluntary contribution of **£5.00** to cover the cost of this visit, this includes a reduction in cost thanks to Helping Angels and parents who contributed to the Asda Cash pots last year. **Payments and permissions are due by 8th March 2026** and can be made through your child's Arbor account. Year 1 will not be going on any further trips that would incur a cost for families this year.

At the discretion of the Executive Headteacher, an activity may be cancelled if there are insufficient voluntary contributions as we depend on these to make the activity financially viable.

If your child has any allergies towards animals, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Kind regards

The Year 1 Team