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Dear Families of Y4,

As part of our topic, *The Age of Empire*, Year 4 will be taking a trip to The Natural History Museum in Central London on **Tuesday 26th March**. On the trip we will see and learn about:

- the earthquake simulator, showing what it was like during the 1995 Kobe, Japan earthquake
- the heat suits and field equipment used by scientists studying volcanoes
- casts of victims from the Mount Vesuvius eruption of AD 79
- objects melted by lava flows
- hydrothermal vents that release hot magma from under the sea
- historic seismographic equipment
- building techniques to guard against earthquake damage

We will also take part in a show called **Emergency! Earthquakes and Volcanoes Show** where we will transform into scientists to save a town from geological catastrophe in this action-packed science show.

We plan to leave school at 9:00am and will return to school at the **later time of 4pm**.

We will be travelling to the museum using public transport and walking - bus to Surbiton Station; train to Wimbledon; tube to South Kensington and walking the remainder of the way. The return journey is the same in reverse.

All children will need a packed lunch. If you book a lunch on ParentPay in the usual way, a packed lunch will be provided. Alternatively, please send a packed lunch from home in a disposable bag (and don't forget to cancel any hot meal booking already made). Please provide a refillable water bottle - no fizzy drinks or sweets.

Children should wear normal smart school uniform with school shoes. Please also provide your child with a warm, waterproof coat.

There will be a small charge of **£3** which covers the cost of the show. Please go to ParentPay to make the payment and to give permission for your child to attend by **15th March**. There is also the option for a voluntary overpayment to support families who may not be able to pay.

If you have a current DBS check through King Athelstan and you would like to join us on this trip please also notify this on ParentPay. We will confirm helpers as soon as we can.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the Year 4 team.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Clare Williamson and Megan Versey
Year 4 Class Teachers

