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Dear Parents/Carers,

Y5/6 Think Tank, Birmingham Trip – Tuesday 29th April 2025

As part of our 'Let Us Entertain You' topic this term, we have arranged a visit to the Think Tank in Birmingham, for all year 5 and year 6 children. During our trip, the children will have access to all of the magnificent areas of the Think Tank whilst taking part in two workshops: one covering light and the other focusing on electricity. These workshops will enable children to develop their scientific knowledge of real and fake light sources, in workshop 1, whilst helping them to understand how light travels (using shadow puppets). Then, in workshop 2, pupils will develop their understanding of both static and current electricity, make a human circuit and then learn about the dangers of electricity. The visit will also allow pupils plenty of time to explore the Think Tank in class groups enjoying the many hands-on activities on offer throughout the day.

Children should arrive at school for the earlier time of **8.15am**. They should wear their school uniform, a coat and sensible walking shoes. We estimate to arrive back in school for **3.45pm**. Please ensure we have your up-to-date contact details, should we need to contact you in the event of an emergency.

All children need to bring with them a refillable water bottle (no glass bottles, cans or fizzy drinks please) and a packed lunch in a **small** named backpack (the children will be carrying this on their backs for the duration of the trip). If your child is entitled to a free school meal and you would like school to provide a packed lunch, please email the School Office by Monday 31st March 2025 admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk with 'Think Tank' in the subject line. Should you require a school packed lunch, please bring a small empty backpack to carry it in.

Activities such as these can only go ahead with your financial support; we are therefore asking for a voluntary contribution of **£20.10 per child**. This trip has been set up on ParentMail to allow donations for those who wish to pay a bit extra; please follow the simple instructions at checkout. Please ensure we receive your consent/voluntary contribution no later than **Monday 22nd April**.

For these trips to go ahead, we will need additional volunteers. If you are able to help, please can you let us know by emailing us at admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk with 'Think Tank' in the subject line and state your child's name and class. We will notify you by email should your assistance be required.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5/6 Team