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Care, Collaboration, Challenge

Principal: Mr A Willett

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year at Springfield. This letter provides information on routines, visits and topic work etc. for your children.

Topic work

During the first half term our topic will be a history focus entitled, 'Who were the Mayans?' Our topic for the 2nd half term will be a geography focus looking at farming and trade and building on our previous topic to find out 'Where do cocoa beans come from?'

In science, we will be learning about the human body focusing on nutrition, different types of skeleton, teeth and the human digestive system.

P.E.

Mrs Forman – Monday and Friday

Mrs Capes/Mrs Orhan – Monday and Thursday

Mrs Stanforth – Monday and Wednesday

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit with them on these days. PE lessons will sometimes take place outside so it would be advisable for the children to have trainers, long tracksuit type trousers and a warm sweatshirt with them also. On PE days, please ensure that your child has removed their earrings and that long hair is (or can be) tied back.

Class Dojo

We are currently in the process of transferring the children over to their new class dojo. Once this is completed, we will use this to share what we have been doing, celebrate the children's work and keep you updated. So please ensure that you continue to access regularly.

Homework

We will continue to have the half termly homework menu, which will include a range of fun and interesting activities. The children can choose which of them they would like to complete. The children will be provided with a homework menu, however; they are very welcome to share their work through the dojo instead of their journal if they would prefer. Furthermore, we will post a weekly challenge for the children on the class dojo.

Spellings

Each week, spellings will be posted on the class dojo. Spelling tests will take place the following week on a Friday. Please support your child in practising these and encourage them to do so daily.

Reading

It is most important that your child continues to read on a regular basis, about 10 -15 minutes per day. This forms an important part of their homework and will significantly impact on their progress in all subject areas. Your child will be given either a reading book from our reading scheme or a library book of their choice to bring home. When you read with your child, please ask them questions to ensure they understand what they have read and make a note in their reading record of any difficulties they have had. Suggestions about the type of questions that you might ask are given on the inside cover of their Reading Record. Please encourage your child to return their book and reading record each week even if they haven't yet completed their chosen book.

Maths

The children are expected to know the 3, 4 and 8 times tables by the end of Year 3 and have instant recall of all times tables by the end of Year 4. Please practise a range of tables regularly to support them. All children have access to TTRockstars. Accessing this on a regular basis will have a significant impact on their recall; enabling them to improve speed of recall and increase their 'Rock Status.'

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3/4 team