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Dear Parents,

Homework, routines and other information for Year 3/4

Welcome to the spring term 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 is entitled 'Misty Mountain, Winding River'. In this project, your child will learn about the characteristics and physical processes of rivers. They will learn how to use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and a key to locate and plot geographical places and features on a map. They will have the opportunity to use atlases and study mountain ranges in the United Kingdom and around the world. In science, we will be learning about states of matter and the water cycle.

P.E.

Mrs Forman – Monday and Tuesday

Miss Harrison – Tuesday and Thursday

Mrs Stanforth – Wednesday and Friday

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit with them on these days (**black shorts and their house colour t-shirt**). 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.

Homework

We will continue to have the 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.

Spellings

Children will be given spellings for a test each Friday. Your support in helping children to practise their spellings would be much appreciated.

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 alternate between a scheme book and a library book of their choice. When you read with your child, please ask them questions to ensure they understand what they have read. Suggestions about the type of questions that you might ask are given on the inside cover of their Reading Record. Reading books should be returned weekly or at least fortnightly depending on the length of the 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.

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs Stanforth, Mrs Forman, Miss Harrison