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Care, Collaboration, Challenge

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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

This term our topic will be entitled, 'Natural Disasters'. The first half term will have a Geography focus and our second half term will be a History focus. In the first half term, we will be learning about volcanoes and earthquakes and the impact they have on the surrounding area and the people who live near them. In the second half term, we will be answering the question 'What have the Romans done for us?'

In science, we will be learning about Forces and Magnets which will include learning about pushing and pulling forces, friction on surfaces, materials that are magnetic and non-magnetic and how magnets work and then Sound in the 2nd half term.

P.E.

Mrs Robinson/Miss Evison – Tuesday and Friday

Mrs Forman – Tuesday and Thursday

Mrs Stanforth – Tuesday and Wednesday

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit with them on these days. On Tuesdays they should come to school wearing their PE kit, which they will remain in for the full day. 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 will be continuing to use Class Dojo this year. We will use this to share what we have been doing, celebrate the children's work, keep you updated and for sharing the weekly spellings, so please ensure that you continue to access regularly. We will also post on our school blog.

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.

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 and return them on a Wednesday, even if they haven't yet completed their chosen book, so we have time to change them before sending the back out on a Friday. We will celebrate home reading weekly in class. If your child reads each week then they will receive a small prize at the end of each half term.

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. The year 4 children will take part in the statutory multiplication check during the summer term. 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