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Care, Collaboration, Challenge

Principal: Mr A Willett

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Dear Parents,

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

Topic work

This half term our topic will be entitled, 'Ancient Maya'. The children will be discovering who the ancient Maya were, how they lived, and their significance in history. Our Science topic is 'Animals including humans'. The children will be learning about different skeleton types, bones, muscles and teeth.

P.E.

Mrs Gascoyne/Miss Evison – Wednesday and Thursday

Mrs Forman – Tuesday and Wednesday

Mrs Stanforth – Monday and Wednesday

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit with them on these days. On Wednesdays, they should come to school wearing their PE kit, which they will remain in for the full day. PE lessons will take place outside so it would be advisable for the children to have trainers, long tracksuit type trousers (Plain Black) and a warm sweatshirt with them also on a cooler day. On PE days, please ensure that your child has removed their earrings and that long hair is (or can be) tied back.

Year 4 children will also be taking part in swimming lessons, which will begin in October. You will be sent the information regarding these lessons shortly.

Class Dojo

We will continue to use Class Dojo. 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 this 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. Please find this either: on the Class Dojo or attached in your child's homework book. The children can choose which of them they would like to complete. The children will be provided with a homework book, 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 have not yet completed their chosen book, so we have time to change them before sending them back out on a Friday. We will celebrate home reading weekly in class.

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 Spring 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