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Care, Collaboration, Challenge

Principal: Mrs. T Storr

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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 term our topic will be entitled, 'Our local area'. First, the children will be discovering how Grimsby and the surrounding area has changed over time, and we will be focusing on the rise and fall of the fishing industry and its impact on the area. Next, we will be moving on to studying our local village and carrying out fieldwork activities. Our first science topic is 'Light'. The children will be learning about how shadows form, which surfaces reflect light, how to protect their eyes from the sun and how mirrors work. Our second science topic is 'Electricity'. The children will be learning about simple circuits and the components within them. They will investigate different materials to find out which materials are conductors and which are insulators.

P.E.

Will continue to take place on a Thursday and Friday for all classes.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the appropriate PE kit on these days (black shorts and school PE t-shirt and either a red school jumper or PE hoodie). PE lessons will take place outdoors where possible. As the weather gets colder, children will need their winter PE kit (**plain black tracksuit bottoms and trainers**) for outdoor lessons. On PE days, please ensure that your child has removed their earrings, or has an appropriate covering and that long hair is (or can be) tied back.

Homework

Please find the Spring term's homework menu on the Class Dojo or attached in your child's homework book. The children can choose which of the activities they would like to complete. There will be an opportunity each week for the children to share the work they have been doing with the rest of the class.

Spellings

Each week, spellings will be posted on 'EdShed'. The children will need to play the games each week, which will help them to learn their spellings for that week. Written spelling tests will continue to take place on a Friday using the spellings set on the 'EdShed'. Please support your child in practising these spellings and encourage them to access the games 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 choose 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. There is no expectation that they read all their book in one go and would encourage you to use their reading record to record what they read each day; this could also include books they have read at home. Where children have recorded at least 3 home reads in their reading records in one week, they will be rewarded with a golden ticket for that week.

Maths

Each week, the children will take part in a 'Learn Its' challenge. The aim is for the children to beat their own score or maintain a high score once they are getting full marks. They will be rewarded with class dojos for full marks or beating their high score. By the spring term of Year 4, the children are expected to have rapid recall of all the times tables facts and will take part in the statutory multiplication check. Please encourage your child to practise little and often to help with their progress in the 'Learn Its' challenge and to prepare them for the multiplication check. Each week, your child will be given a copy of their Learn Its challenge to take home, please help them to practise these facts. All children have access to TTRockstars, and 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