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YEAR 4 AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school for another exciting year. We hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday and are ready to embrace the new school year in Team Monet.

The Curriculum:

During the Autumn Term, Team Monet will be writing Biographies, exploring Myths, performing their own poetry, creating Roman Reports, exploring a narrative in 'Take one book' before ending the term with their own Christmas Riddles. In Maths, we will continue to develop our fluency of number facts and recall; our ability to reason and explain our understanding; and ability to mathematically problem solve in a range of contexts including money, measure and time. Team Monet will also be studying the Romans in History; the Science curriculum will see us investigate Sound and Electricity; and in Art we will explore impressionism and create our own Roman Mosaics.

P.E:

In PE this term we continue to have the opportunity to swim on Monday morning so your children will need to be dropped off at Sportspace at 8:45am where they will meet Miss Branigan, Mrs Huke and Mrs Reynolds. In our Wednesday afternoon P.E lessons, we will be focusing on 'Net and Wall' games until half term followed by Gymnastics. Please can you ensure your child has their PE kit in school **all week** as this will allow us to take advantage of any unexpected sporting opportunities. Westfield PE kit consists of a blue t-shirt, dark shorts, tracksuit bottoms (winter only), spare socks and trainers. It is extremely important as the children get older that they are wearing suitable **trainers** during PE lessons, and during the Daily Mile.

Homework:

English and Maths homework will be set on Friday and should be handed in by the following Wednesday. These tasks will be linked in with the learning we have been doing during the week, or in preparation for future learning, and should take about 20 minutes each to complete.

Spelling:

Spellings will be given out every other Friday and there will be a dictation the following Friday and a test the week after. Please support your children to practise these spellings and create sentences using these words.

Reading:

Children have each been given a Reading Record. This will be used to record their reading progress, in addition to being a means of communication between us, if necessary. Please try to read daily with your children and record these sessions in the reading record. Regular reading is as important as ever to develop fluency, understanding and expression in reading as well as improving writing vocabulary and style. We will be beginning the reading challenge so please ensure that each time your child reads it is logged with the text in their reading record. Please note children are expected to read for **at least ten** minutes daily.

This year children will also be given the opportunity to bring a library book home. We will have regular library sessions where all children will be able to bring home a book of their choice as well as their reading book



Equipment

Please can you ensure that all your child's clothes are clearly named, as well as their lunchboxes and water bottles, and that your child is made aware that they are responsible for their own belongings. This will help the children to organise themselves and ensure that any missing items can be tracked down quickly.

Key Dates for your diary:

Parents Homework Workshop – 7pm Tuesday 3rd October
Parent Evening – Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th October
Team Monet's Class Assembly - 9:15am on Friday 10th November
Child shows Parent – 3:15pm Wednesday 6th December

We are always happy to address any questions or concerns you may have, so feel free to speak to us at the end of the day to make an appointment, or use the pink slips at the front entrance.

Many thanks for your continued support. We are getting to know your children quickly and are really looking forward to the coming weeks. We hope your child will enjoy their learning this term in Year 4.

Yours sincerely

Miss Branigan, Mrs Huke and Mrs Reynolds