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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. As a team, we would also like to thank you for your generosity at the end of the school year. We all felt extremely spoilt!

The Curriculum:

In addition to the core subjects of English and Maths, during the Autumn Term, Team Monet will 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. In French Team Monet will be introduced to vegetables, and they will explore Christianity and Buddhism in RE.

P.E:

In PE this term, we are lucky to have a specialist dance teacher delivering our Friday PE lesson. Our Thursday PE lesson will focus on Netball and our invasion skills. Please can you ensure your child has their **named** P.E. 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 P.E. lessons and during the Daily Mile.

Home Learning:

English and Maths home learning will be set on Friday on the class OneNote. It will consist of a quiz for Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG), as well as the usual spellings, reading and times tables practice. The tasks will be linked in with the learning we have been doing during the week or in preparation for future learning.

Spelling:

Spellings will be given out every Friday, and there will be a test the following Friday. Please support your children to practise these spellings and ensure your child completes the linked activities.

Reading:

Please read daily with your child. Regular reading is as important as ever to develop fluency, understanding and expression as well as improving writing vocabulary and style. Please note children are expected to read for **at least ten** minutes daily.

Our Year 4 book corner has a huge range of texts which the children will be able to choose from as well as exploring the school library. Please also see the Year 4/5 reading list for suggested age-related texts.

Equipment

Please can you ensure that all your child's clothes are clearly named, as well as their lunch boxes 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.



We are always happy to address any questions or concerns you may have, so feel free to speak to us at the start/end of the day or contact us using the note system outside the classroom door or by contacting the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support. We are enjoying hearing about all the things your children have been doing over the summer and we are really looking forward to the coming weeks. We hope your child will enjoy their learning this term in Year 4.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Edwards, Ms Rothery, Mrs Hodge and Mrs Dix

Key Dates for your diary:

Tempest Photography (Individual Photos) – Wednesday 30th September
INSET Day – School Closed – Monday 5th October
Walk to School Week – 6th to 9th October
Flu Vaccinations – Thursday 15th October / Monday 23rd November
Parents Evening – Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st October – To be confirmed
Virtual Harvest Festival – Friday 23rd October
Half-Term – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October
Year 4 Virtual Class Assembly – Friday 4th December
Virtual Christmas Carols – Friday 18th December