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YEAR 4 MONET - SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all your cards and generous gifts at Christmas. We hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable holiday.

The Curriculum:

During the Spring Term, Team Monet will be writing Explanations, creating Play scripts, exploring poetry further. 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. Monet will also be studying a Geography unit on rivers and the water cycle – where Affinity water will be joining us for a hands on Water Day. After half term there will be a History focus on the Egyptians. In RE we will be learning about significant figures in a range of faiths, what inspires them and how their beliefs have affected their lives. In Science we will be investigating different states of matter.

Staffing

As you are aware, Mrs Huke is at her contrast placement until the 5th February, so it will just be Miss Branigan and Mrs Reynolds in class until she returns. Planning, preparation and assessment time will now be covered by Mrs Lambert and Mrs Ayles, on a Thursday afternoon, where the children will be having the opportunity to take part in Forest School.

Homework:

English and Maths homework will continue to be set on a 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 Friday and there will be a test the following Friday. Please support your children to practise these spellings and either complete the linked worksheet or create sentences.

Reading:

Children were given a Reading Record last term, please continue to use this 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 in their reading record. Please note children are expected to read for **at least ten** minutes daily.

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.



P.E:

In PE this half term the children will have the opportunity to learn Lacrosse with a specialist coach and Gymnastics with Mr Jones. Until half term, P.E is scheduled for a Monday and Tuesday afternoon. However, 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.

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

Many thanks for your continued support. We hope your child will continue to enjoy their learning this term in Year 4.

Yours sincerely

Miss Branigan and Mrs Reynolds

Key Dates for your diary:

Parent Evening – Monday 5th and Wednesday 7th February 2018

KS2 Maths Workshop – Tuesday 6th March 2018 7-8pm OR Tuesday 13th March 9-10am

Child shows Parent – 3:15pm Tuesday 27th March 2018