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YEAR 4 - SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

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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 Hepworth will write a newspaper report to inform and also learn about discussion and persuasion texts. 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. Hepworth will begin their Historical focus on 'Beyond the Magic Kingdom: What is the Sunshine State really like?' And Historical focus of 'Who were the Anglo-Saxons and how do we know what was important to them?' In RE we will be exploring the question 'Could the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?' In Science we will be investigating different states of matter.

Home Learning:

Home learning will continue to be given out at the beginning of term. The tasks can be completed at any time throughout the half term and brought in to be celebrated on the set day (see dates below).

Spelling:

Spellings will be given out every Thursday or Friday and there will be a test the following Thursday. Please support your children to practice these spellings and complete the linked worksheet.

Reading:

Children were given a Reading Record last term, please continue to use this to record their reading progress. Please ensure your child reads for **at least** 10 minutes every day; this can be out loud to someone at home or to themselves. Whether your child reads independently or to you, it is important to discuss the text with them. We are focusing on encouraging the children to summarise what they have read and to think about how it reminds them of other books they have read. Thank you for your support in reading so far and for signing the record books.

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:

Year 4 will be having PE on **Wednesday (Basketball) and Thursday (Gymnastics) each week**. On these days, please ensure your child is wearing the following:

- Blue t-shirt (with the Westfield logo)
- Black or navy shorts / joggers
- Blue jumper (Westfield hoodie, Westfield school jumper or cardigan)
- Trainers



There should not be any other coloured items being worn. Please also ensure that your child is not wearing any branded items with large logo's on them. Thank you.

As always, if you have any questions or wish to speak to us, please catch one of us at the start or end of the school day. Many thanks for your continued support. We hope your child will continue to enjoy their learning this term in Year 4.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Saunders, Miss Roe and Miss Mae

Key Dates for your diary:

Spring Term Parent Update Meeting – Wednesday 17th January 2:45pm

Year 4 W1SPA Cake Sale – Friday 26th January

Open Learning Morning (Parents Welcome) – Friday 2nd February

Feel Good Week – 5th to 9th February

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6th February

Parents Evening – Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February

Home Learning Celebration in class – Friday 16th February

Half Term – Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

RockSteady Concert – Friday 15th March

Home Learning Celebration in class – Wednesday 27th March

End of Term – Thursday 28th March at 1:30pm