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Dear parents and carers

Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter

Happy New Year and welcome back to school for the spring term!

As normal, I have attached a brief outline of the work we will be covering this term on the back of this letter to keep you informed of the broad areas we will be covering this term.

Other important information you may need;

- PE - the weather could now be very cold, so please ensure that your child's outdoor kit includes a warm jumper / sweatshirt and jogging bottoms. Gloves and a hat are also useful. Children should also have their indoor kit. Kits should be in school all week please.
- Please ensure that children have a warm coat etc. in school every day for use at playtimes.
- Reading books and journals should be in school every day. Please record all reading that is done at home. As they become better readers, you should encourage development of reading for an audience: appropriate volume, tone, expression, pace etc. Questioning your child about their reading will also help develop their skills. Try a mixture of questions which develop recall and interpretation (What did she do after she played football? / Why do you think she cried?) It is also helpful for better readers to discuss their reading from different viewpoints (What do you think the author thinks about poverty? / Do you think giving to charity is a good idea? Why/why not?) and to look at similarities and differences across a range of reading (Tell me about the role of girls in these books. / What are the different ideas about death in these books?)
- Please send your child with a named water bottle and ensure the water is fresh each day.
- Regular weekly homework - times tables, reading and spellings. *Active Learn* Maths homework is uploaded most weeks for each child. These online activities (games, videos etc.) practise concepts and methods that are being taught that week and are set at an appropriate level for your child. The more they play, the more they develop their skills. Copies of the Maths homework **and answers** can also be found here.

Yours Faithfully

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