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Dear Parents,

Homework, routines and other information for Year 3/4

Welcome to the summer term at Springfield. This letter provides information on routines, visits and topic work etc. for your children.

Topic work

During the first half term, our topic is entitled 'Predators' which will focus on the wonders of the Amazon rainforest. We will be reading 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry which will inspire writing and artwork. In contrast our topic in the second half term is 'Blue Abyss' and we will be reading 'The Ice Trap!' Shackleton's incredible expedition by Antonia Meredith Hooper and M.P. Robertson.

In science, we will be learning about forces and magnets, flowering plants and light.

Visits

To introduce our topic 'Blue Abyss', we will be visiting The Deep in June where the children will gain a unique insight into the ocean world.

P.E.

Mrs Forman – Monday and Thursday

Mrs Jones/Mrs Capes – Wednesday and Thursday

Miss Pinchbeck – Monday and Wednesday

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit with them on these days (**black shorts and their house colour t-shirt**). PE lessons will sometimes take place outside so it would be advisable for the children to have trainers, long tracksuit type trousers and a warm sweatshirt with them also. On PE days, please ensure that your child has removed their earrings and that long hair is (or can be) tied back.

Homework

We will continue to have the termly homework menu, which will include a range of fun and interesting activities. The children can choose which of them they would like to complete. We will provide the children with a homework journal, which we will collect during the term to share regularly in our class.

Spellings

Children will be given spellings for a test each Friday. Your support in helping children to practise their spellings would be much appreciated.

Reading

It is most important that your child continues to read on a regular basis, about **10 -15 minutes per day**. This forms an important part of their homework and will significantly impact on their progress in all subject areas. Your child will be given either a reading book from our reading scheme or a library book of their choice to bring home each Friday. When you read with your child, please ask them questions to ensure they understand what they have read and make a note in their reading record of any difficulties they have had. Suggestions about the type of questions that you might ask are given on the inside cover of their Reading Record. Reading books should be returned weekly or at least fortnightly depending on the length of the book.

Maths

The children are expected to know the 3, 4 and 8 times tables by the end of Year 3 and have instant recall of all times tables by the end of Year 4. Please practise a range of tables regularly to support them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3/4 team