

# Westfields

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Happy 2018! We hope you have all had an enjoyable and festive Christmas break and are feeling refreshed for the new term. We have lots of exciting opportunities planned and on the reverse of this letter you will find an overview of what the children will be learning.

Our new topic this term is centred around 'Water' and as part of this we will be exploring where water is located in the world. If you have visited any rivers, lakes or mountains, it would be lovely if your child could bring in photographs or guides you have for the children to share with their class.

Please be aware of the following reminders:

- **Home Learning** – Thank you for all the support you have given your children so far this year. Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and be collected on a Tuesday. Most Maths tasks will be set via MyMaths and we have set a pass rate at 80%. Tasks and activities set to complete at home will generally consolidate the learning we have been doing in class and is set at an age appropriate and assessed ability for each child. If your child is finding anything set particularly difficult, please offer them some support or let us know so that we can address any misconceptions. There are animated clips they can watch to refresh their memory on MyMaths and the tasks can be repeated by visiting the results section of this website.
- **Spellings** - We have been really impressed to see how the majority of children have improved their spelling scores under our new spelling scheme but there is still room for some improvement! Spellings will continue to be set on a Tuesday and tested weekly on a Monday. Please encourage and support your child in practicing them several times throughout the week to really secure their learning of these. If spelling lists are misplaced, these are also accessible on the school website.
- **Times Tables and Mental Fluency** – The new 'Magician's Guild' is now fully underway and we have also been impressed to see how many children have achieved their Number Fluency and Times Tables Certificates already! There are a few children who are finding the new approach a bit tricky so please help them to persevere and practice little and often. There are lots of fun songs and games online to help them with this and if you need some suggestions, please just ask!
- **Reading** – This term we have assessed all of the children's reading ability under a new scheme and as a result of this many children have been given a stage or levelled book. Please be aware that this is to support the development of their reading across a range of genres, but if you have any concerns regarding this, please see your child's class teacher. We would appreciate your continued support with this essential life skill. Reading aloud to an adult at least once a week will help your child to extend their vocabulary and develop their intonation, expression and understanding, particularly if you are able to ask a few comprehension questions. Again, if you need any advice, just get in touch.
- **PE kits** - Whilst there are timetabled sessions for PE each week, it is important children have their PE kits in every day in case rescheduling needs to occur (usually due to weather). It would also help greatly if you could ensure every item is clearly labelled. As the cold weather continues, please ensure kit contains a plain black pair of jogging bottoms and a black Westfields jumper.
- **Parent Helpers** – While we truly appreciate the support we have already received this academic year, we are still keen for more parents to come and help children with learning spellings, times tables and listen to readers. Please let us know if you can spare any time at all – even if it is just the last half an hour of the day before school pick up!

We are looking forward to another successful term, as ever if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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Teacher

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Deputy Headteacher  
& Year 4 Class Teacher

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Year 4 Class Teacher

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