

# Westfields

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new and very exciting year at Westfields! It has been, and remains, a very unusual time but may we begin by saying we are all working extremely hard to ensure the children are safe but equally enjoying rich and broad curriculum opportunities as our topic web highlights. We hope that you all enjoyed the summer break and are feeling well rested after the excellent job you achieved working with your children at home! We have certainly enjoyed our first week in Year 4, setting new expectations and getting to know each other. We hope that this letter should give you all the information you need about what the children will be learning this term and provide you with a few reminders to help the term run smoothly.

### Home Learning

As in Year 3, the children will continue to have one piece of home learning set each week, alternating between a grammar and maths focus. Most Maths home learning will be set via MyMaths. If you do not have, or have misplaced, your log in for this website, please contact your child's class teacher through the school office who can organise this for you. Home learning tasks will be set on Thursdays and will be uploaded to the relevant sections of Class Dojo (for further details about this please refer to Mrs Wilson's letter); activities will be based upon work already covered in class so will link to and build upon their current learning. These tasks should take approximately 20 minutes to complete but if your child is struggling with their home learning, they can speak to their class teacher in order to get some extra support; we recommend they do this before the task is due in each Tuesday to support subsequent learning.

### Spellings

Just as in Year 3, each child will receive spellings on a Tuesday to learn and be tested on the following Monday. The spellings will follow a spelling rule which will be taught in class each week. There are many ways in which to learn spellings; carrying out 'look, say, cover, write, check', writing the words within sentences and thinking of rhymes (e.g. because – big elephants can't always use small exits) are just a few to get the children started.

### Reading

Reading records have been updated and will continue to be checked regularly. Please ensure your child reads regularly throughout the week as reading really is the key to success across the curriculum. It is important to continue to develop intonation, expression and fluency even if your child is already a free reader, so some time should be spent reading aloud to an adult at home. Developing comprehension skills are also paramount so when your child reads, please ask them questions about the plot, character and setting, ask them to make predictions and ask why characters feel or have acted in a particular way. If you require any further guidance, please just ask or look at the parent support booklet on our website (to be found under the Parent tab; Parent Guides and Workshops; Reading).

### Mental Maths

We will be continuing to progress through the *Mathmagicians' Guild* and your child will continue to be tested weekly. They should also continue to access TT Rockstars at home at least 3 times a week for 10 minutes. As well as forming vital building blocks for many areas of our Maths lessons, with the new Year 4 times table fluency test coming into the curriculum this academic year, it is especially important to ensure your child is confident and fluent with the times tables and division facts for all times tables up to 12 x 12. Please see your child's class teacher if this is something you feel your child will need more support with.

### PE kits

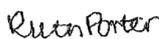
Whilst there are timetabled sessions for PE each week, it is vital children have their PE kits in school **every day**, in case rearrangements need to be made. It would help greatly if you could also ensure every item is clearly named.

Finally, please remember we highly value the partnerships between school and home. We recognise we are currently limited in our ability to communicate face-to-face, but please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher via email or telephone if you have any questions or queries!

Kind regards,



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Year 4 Team Leader, Class Teacher  
& Assistant Headteacher



Miss Porter  
Class Teacher



Miss Bland  
Class Teacher



Mrs Dobson  
Class Teacher

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