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Welcome Back Year 4!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back Year 4! We hope you have all had an excellent February half term break and the children are refreshed and ready to start the second half of the Spring term.

We are continuing with our topic this half term: 'Endangered!' This half term, the children will be delving deeper into this subject and we are sure they will relish the opportunity to explore a range of different animals who are at risk of extinction. We will kick off the half term by delving into conservation. We will learn what it is and how we can make small changes to help make positive changes to save these animals. We will finish the half term with our trip to Marwell Zoo **on Tuesday 26th March**. There will be further information about this trip to follow.

Last half term, the children began reading a new novel 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'. This is a story of a boy who is struggling to fit in at school and make friends. So far, the children have thoroughly enjoyed getting into this book. If you get the opportunity, please ask your children about the books they are reading at school, and what they are enjoying. Despite this, it is important that the children also read as much as possible at home. Please continue to read at home every night with your child or ensure they are reading independently for a minimum of 5 minutes and note this down in your child's planner. The teachers check the planners each morning and the children receive a sticker for every time they read. Once they have filled their whole page with stickers for this term, they will receive a very special reading badge. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

The children will continue to be tested weekly on their spellings. This test will take place on a Monday and their new spellings for the week will be given out on the same day. The words they will be tested on will be based on the words and spelling rules we have learnt that week and we ask you please to help your child to practise at home. All children can access Spelling Shed online, which means that they have opportunities to practise their spellings in a fun and interactive way at home. Their logins can be found in the back of their planners.

In Mathematics, we will begin our learning of fractions including adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.

We will also be continuing to test the children daily on their times tables facts and regularly encourage them to play Times Tables Rockstars at home to improve their recall speed. As you are aware by now, all Year 4 children



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nationally must complete a Multiplication Tables Check in June. We are aiming for all children to be able to fluently recall all of their times table facts up to 12x12 by this time, so any support you can provide at home will be really beneficial to the children.

P.E. will still take place on Wednesdays this term. Please could you ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit including clothes, with no logos, that are suitable for the colder weather. Children must have a change of footwear in school too and if possible, please ensure this is in school every day, just in case the time table changes at the last minute. If a child does not have the correct uniform for P.E., they will not be allowed to participate in the lesson and will remain in class with their teachers. It is essential that children are able to take part in P.E. as this is part of the National Curriculum, so please ensure your child is prepared for their lessons.

We are really looking forward to what we think will be a fantastic half term for the children. We would like to thank you in advance for your support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. You can do this by writing a note in your child's planner or telephoning the school and they will make contact with you.

Kind regards,



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