



Spring Grove Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had an enjoyable break and holiday. Miss Goddard and I would like to thank you very much for your generous gifts and cards at the end of last term.

The attached topic web gives you an outline of the work Year 4 pupils will cover this term. Our Main topic theme is 'Exciting Writing', where we will be reading a variety of exciting adventurous books and follow up some of them with some inspiring and imaginative writing activities. The children will continue to have regular Maths, Science, English and other curricular lessons, as shown on the topic web.

The children will be encouraged to change a free choice library book on a regular basis. They will also continue to bring home a guided reading book once each week with a task, following a guided reading session either with myself or another adult. Please continue to read and discuss a wide range of books with your child at home as this time spent with your child is invaluable to their progress. Please ensure they discuss their reading task that they are given to do with the book allocated. Books must be returned to school before another one can be sent home.

In preparation for our exciting trip to the Harry Potter Studios to see the props, scenery and costumes used in film making, we would like to show them the first film of the Harry Potter series – Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. The film is rated PG. If you do not wish your child to see it, please email me or pop in before/after school to let me know. We will watch the film together towards the end of the week.

Please ensure that your child has a fully **labelled** P.E. kit in school from Monday to Friday each week. In addition to this, your child will continue to go swimming on Tuesday mornings. If your child is unable to do PE or swim at any time please send in a note to let me know. PE is an important part of the curriculum to help the children keep fit and healthy.

Homework will be given out as usual, once a week: Spellings will be set every Friday and tested the following Wednesday. In addition to this, homework linked to the topic and or other areas of the curriculum will be also be sent every Friday and collected in the following Wednesday. Please ensure that your child brings their guided reading book and class library book into school **every** day.

If you have any queries about the Year 4 curriculum or wish to discuss your child, please feel free to make an appointment for an informal meeting after school at a time convenient to us both. Any support in the classroom would be most welcome, if you have some spare time.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support. We are looking forward to having an enjoyable and rewarding Spring Term.

Yours sincerely,

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