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## Year 4 Newsletter Spring 2020

Dear Parent,

Happy New Year and welcome back for another busy year,

We hope that you have had a brilliant Christmas and enjoyed time off with your children. I hope your children are looking forward to coming back to school ready to learn. Last term was a success for everyone and I was very proud of everything the children achieved and the progress they made. Spring term is another busy but exciting term and has lots to offer and we are more than certain your child will continue to shine in Year 4 while learning lots of new things.

### Spring Term Topics

Topic work this term will focus on the question 'Are all predators evil?'. We will be looking at a range of predators, where predators live and why they are from those continents.

In English, we have a wizards and witches theme across the school and in Year 4 we are looking at the fantasy story 'Harry Potter'. I hope this enticing, thrilling book will bring out some amazing writing. Our science work will involve looking at animals including humans.

In PE this term, our children will have two hours of PE. The first hour will be on a Monday afternoon with myself, the second hour will be on a Thursday afternoon with our East Cleveland provider, Mrs Bell. Please make sure your child has their PE kits in school on both days. If you prefer and I would recommend, you could bring it to school on a Monday and leave it at school for the week.

### Reading at home and in school

Separate information will be sent out to give you information about this term's 'Read for the Stars'. It is essential that pupils continue their good work from Autumn and read at home to an adult at least three times a week and have their reading record signed accordingly. We will also be having a big push on reading weekly to adults in school, both in group sessions and individually. Children change their books weekly and they also have the opportunity to bring home a library book. In Year 4, it is the child's responsibility to tell us they need to change their book. We don't expect your child to read a book a night, a couple of pages is acceptable and this way your child won't get bored. Last term's reading party was a huge success and we will be doing the same thing this term so get those weekly reads in!





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## School Trips

This term a large majority of your children are attending our amazing Ford Castle residential, this is going to be an amazing trip once again. We haven't currently decided where we are going for our Spring school trip but as soon as we have made a decision a letter will be sent home. Also, over the term we aim to attend Loftus library a couple of times to collect a variety of fiction and non-fiction books to help us with our topic.

## Homework

Homework in the Spring term will involve children learning their spellings, in preparation for their weekly test on a Friday morning, and completing their reading practice three times per week. We are conscious that we do not wish to overburden our pupils but know that many of you enjoy completing extra activities with your children and we would encourage you to continue to do so – please feel free to carry out your own research about your child's topic. Something like a piece of artwork or a game is always great to share with the class and can add valuable contributions to our curriculum.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come into school and discuss them. Here's to another great term,

Thank you,

Mr Farrier.

