

Springfield- Information for Parents

Welcome back!

PE days

This half-term, we will be **swimming** for PE on **Thursdays**. Please ensure that your child has a swimming costume/ trunks and a towel with them.

Homework

Literacy and maths homework will be out on Teams on **Thursdays** to be completed by **Tuesday** in the following week. The children will also have spellings to learn each week.

Reading- Please could you continue to read with your child 3 times a week and write this in their reading record. Children can also write in themselves when they have read independently.

Walking Home

If you would like your child to walk home on their own, please could you let me know.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Newby

This term, we are continuing with our topic of the Middle East, with a particular focus on: Baghdad's role in early Islamic civilisation; geographical features of Iraq and the surrounding area and migration and refugees.

English

For the first two weeks of this half-term, our literacy lessons will link to Fairtrade Fortnight. We will develop our understanding of issues linked to Fairtrade and the climate crisis through a range of note-taking and speaking and listening activities. Then, we will complete a piece of opinion writing to answer the question: Should people buy Fairtrade products? After this, we will write letters to children in our partner school in Ethiopia. Then, we will write newspaper reports linked to our class book: *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf.

Mathematics

Year 5s will continue with their work on fractions. They will learn to add, subtract and multiply fractions. They will then calculate fractions of amounts and solve problems involving fractions. There will then be a focus on decimals and percentages, including: ordering and comparing fractions, rounding decimals and finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.

Year 6s will continue with their work on algebra by finding pairs of values. They will then move on to converting units, including metric and imperial measures. After this, there will be a focus on perimeter, area and volume, learning about: area and perimeter of shapes, the area of triangles, the area of parallelograms and the volume of cuboids. Finally, they will learn about ratio and proportion.

Science

In science, we will complete our work on life cycles. Then, our focus will be forces. In this unit of work, we will: identify forces acting on an object, explore the effect that gravity has on objects, and investigate the effects of air resistance and water resistance.

Computing

In computing, we will be planning and creating our own text-based adventure games. We will be using Purple Mash and first we will be using 2 Create a Story, then we will move on to 2 Code.

History

As I mentioned earlier, we will be continuing finding out about Baghdad's role in early Islamic civilisation. We will identify reasons why the early Islamic civilisation became a major power, finding out about the Silk Road trade route and the items offered for trade. We will then find out about who Muhammad is, how the first caliphate came to be formed and explain the roles and responsibilities of a caliph.

Geography

In geography, we will be learning about trade. First through learning about Fairtrade, during Fairtrade Fortnight, then about the UK's trade links and common imports and exports.

RE

In RE, we will be considering why religious believers pray. We will find out about Christian, Jewish, Buddhist and Muslim prayer. We will then consider the importance of prayer and write our own prayers.

PE

This half-term our focus will be on swimming. Children will be grouped according to their ability and will be developing their water confidence, their swimming strokes and life-saving skills.

Music

In music, the children will learn Happy by Pharrell Williams, singing and playing instrumental accompaniments. We will then use the song to improvise and develop our own composition.

DT

In DT, we will be researching, designing and making soap and packaging for a chosen sector. We will then evaluate our work against our design criteria and the views of others.

PSHE

In PSHE, our focus will be money. First, this will be linked to Fairtrade Fortnight, then we will find out about taxes and the services they provide. We will allocate a budget to fund community services and amenities and justify our choices.

French

In French, we will be continuing to learn to talk about ourselves. We will: write a range of sentences to describe other people; learn to talk about our emotions; and follow a simple story.