

## **Springfield- Information for Parents**

Welcome back! Here are a few organisational things for the start of the term.

### **PE days**

Please can you make sure full PE kits, including indoor pumps and outdoor trainers, are in school and jewellery is removed on **Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**. It is also useful to have a spare pair of socks in their PE kit, as we will be going outside even if it is wet! We will have 2 sessions of PE a week but the days may change depending on booster sessions in preparation for SATs.

### **Homework**

Literacy and maths homework will be out on Teams on **Thursdays** to be completed by **Tuesday** in the following 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 our topic is Space.

### English

Our English lessons this half term will be linked to our topic. We will be watching an animated short film called The Planets. We will use this to inspire some story writing. After that, we will watch a short documentary about the imaginary planet Pandora. We will focus on the creatures in the clip and write instructions for how to care for them. We will continue with our whole class reading and SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar) sessions.

Our class book is: Breaking Stalin's Nose by Eugene Velchin.

### Mathematics

Year 5s will continue with their work on decimals, which they began before the Easter holidays. They will then move onto identifying, comparing and measuring angles.

Year 6s will begin with statistics, including line graphs and pie charts. Then they will focus on angles and shapes. After SATs, the Y6 children will work on maths-based problem solving projects designed to deepen their understanding of the concepts they have studied in Key Stage 2, in order to prepare them for secondary school.

### Science

In science, we will be studying Earth and space. We will start by considering evidence to explain how we know that the Earth is spherical. We will then find out about the features and order of the planets in our solar system, including how they move. We will explain day and night and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky and then we will investigate day and night in different parts of the Earth.

### Computing

In computing, we will be developing a range of different interactive quizzes, using 2Quiz on Purple Mash. This will include: a picture quiz for younger children, a grammar quiz and a quiz based on a database.

### History

In history, our focus will be the space race between the Soviet Union and the USA in the 1950s and 1960s. To set a context for this we will find out about Russian history since its revolution.

### Geography

In geography this term, we will be focusing on the countries involved in the space race. This half term, we will begin with Russia and Ukraine. We will find out about their landscapes, climates and human geography and compare them with our area. Just before half-term, we will begin our work about the USA by describing the locations and characteristics of places in the Americas.

## RE

In RE, we will be considering the question: What do different faiths teach about care and respect for others? We will consider values and rituals, including the Christian ritual of communion and the Jewish rituals of Shabbat. We will consider Christian, Buddhist and Jewish views about war and what Christian stories teach us about caring for animals.

## PE

This half-term we will be working on group work in gymnastics, developing sequences on the floor and apparatus that show control and consistency. In outdoor and adventurous activities, we will take part in a range of team challenges and orienteering.

## Music

In music, the children will listen carefully to and appraise Mars from The Planets Suite by Gustav Holst. We will then use this to influence our own compositions, using rhythms and ostinatos.

## Art

In art this half term, the children will be looking at artwork from North American artists. We will complete: portraits, inspired by John Singer Sargent's work; abstract art, inspired by Helen Frankenthaler; landscape collages, inspired by Ansel Adams; and patterns, inspired by Jean-Michel Basquiat.

## French

In French, we will be learning to talk about food and drink. We will ask and answer questions about drink choices, interpret information written in charts and write sentences to express our choices.