

Springfield Information for Parents- Autumn 1

Welcome back and I hope you all enjoyed the summer break.

This term our topic is The Second World War.

Literacy

We will be focussing on different aspects of The Second World War in our reading and writing. We will read about the historical events that led up to the start of the war and about how the war impacted people involved in the fighting and those who remained at home. We will look at how propaganda was used to steer public opinion and we will design and create our own propaganda posters following language and design characteristics of propaganda produced at the time.

We will learn how to write effective recounts and use these skills to write about a range of aspects of WWII including The Battle of Britain and The Blitz.

We will further our story writing skills and use our understanding to write stories from the point of view of people involved in The Battle of Britain and The Blitz.

SPAG- We will have weekly spelling, punctuation and grammar sessions linked to our other reading and writing work.

Class Reading- We will have daily 'reading fluency' sessions during which pupils will work in small groups with a focus text. These sessions will support development of reading fluency and text comprehension. We will also have daily 'quiet reading' sessions during which pupils will spend time reading for pleasure with a book of their choice.

Please could you continue to read with your child whenever possible and record this in the reading record. Children can also write in the record themselves when they have read independently.

Class Book- Our class book is Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll.

Maths

We will begin by studying place value of numbers, including ordering and comparing numbers; rounding numbers and learning about negative numbers. We will examine methods for solving problems using the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using both mental and formal written methods to solve problems in a range of contexts.

Arithmetic- We will practise our arithmetic skills regularly and each week we will complete an arithmetic assessment which will be used to track progress.

Science

Our topic is 'Humans and other animals'. We will begin by learning about the heart and circulatory system. We will investigate the link between heart rate and exercise, and we will learn about the importance of diet and exercise in maintaining good health. We will also learn about the impact of drugs and alcohol on the way our bodies function.

RE

Our work will begin with a focus on exploring religious views of forgiveness, why forgiveness is important to Christians and how that manifests in how people of faith live their lives.

We will further examine the notion of faith and what that means by exploring the Old Testament book of Daniel. We will read and analyse the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. We will learn about the challenges they faced and explore what motivated these men to remain faithful to God.

Christian Values- Our class Christian value for this year is 'respect' and the school Christian value for this half-term is 'generosity'.

PE

We will be working on developing the hockey skills of passing, receiving, dribbling and shooting. We will also be learning about rugby, focusing on the important skills and techniques involved when playing the game successfully as part of a team.

French

We will be using the theme 'Family' to develop our knowledge and understanding. It introduces vocabulary associated with family relationships and includes sentences in both the present and future tenses.

Music

We will be using a DAW (digital audio workstation) to explore different music style. We will then develop our own electronic music tracks using digital plug-ins to explore sound design.

History

Our topic is The Second World War. We will focus on the declaration of war, the position of early WWII events on a timeline, the Battle of Britain and the impact of the Blitz. We will consider primary and secondary sources of information and develop questions to aid our research and deepen our understanding.

Geography

Our geography will be linked to our topic of The Second World War. We will locate the main Allies and Axis powers on a world map and locate some of the key places in Britain which were bombed during the Blitz. We will look at how their human and physical geography influenced this.

PSHE

We will begin by writing and agreeing a class charter in which we will identify the things that will help make the classroom environment a place in which we feel happy, secure and ready to learn. We will also explore the idea of friends and family relationships and focus on how to maintain healthy, respectful and fulfilling relationships with others.

Art

We will learn about the artist Kurt Schwitters who moved to the Lake District from Germany during World War Two. Schwitters was particularly known for his collage work which he used to express his thoughts and feelings about modern life at the time. After looking carefully at his work and learning about what motivated and inspired his art, we will create our own collages in a similar style.

DT

We will learn about Anderson shelters and the materials used to create them. We will then design and develop a model of our own.

Computing

We will begin by studying online safety, including how to behave responsibly online and how we can seek appropriate support if we have concerns. We will then move on to learning about databases. We will learn about how databases function and we will then create our own.

Important Information and Class Routines

PE

PE sessions will be on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Please could you ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school on these days and any earrings are removed.

Homework

Your child will receive a 'homework grid' which details a range of tasks and activities linked to areas of the curriculum. Over the half term, the aim is to complete at least one of these homework activities every week. Your child can choose which activity to complete each week. Homework books will be checked each Wednesday.

Your child will also receive spellings to learn on a weekly basis. Those spellings will be given out on Friday and a spelling test will take place the following Friday.

Walking Home

If your child is allowed to walk home on their own, please could you inform a member of Springfield staff.

Many thanks

Mr Cross