

Springfield Information for Parents – Summer 2

Welcome back.

Literacy

We will continue to read and explore the book 'The Call of the Wild' by Jack London. We will write a biography about the author and write story extracts and poetry reflecting some of the key themes in the story.

We have recently developed a link with a primary school in Egypt and we will be writing letters to pupils in the school.

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.

Maths

We will begin by continuing work on position and direction involving translation, reflection and coordinates. We will then examine statistics and how information is presented in tables, charts and graphs. Finally, we will explore how to use and convert between units of measurement.

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

Initially, we will focus on the topic of 'Earth in Space', in which we will learn about our solar system and the movement of the Moon. We will then examine 'Human Life Cycles', in which we will consider the stages of human development, how babies grow and develop, the main changes that occur during puberty and changes that take place in old age.

Computing

We will be investigating the features of blogs before designing and writing a blog with a specific purpose. We will also explore some of the issues regarding what constitutes inappropriate posting and cyber-bullying.

History

Our continued focus will be the space race between the Soviet Union and the USA in the 1950s and 1960s. We will investigate aspects of Russian history since its revolution.

Geography

We will find out about some aspects of the human and physical geography of America. We will learn about how and where earthquakes occur and about the impact of earthquakes on the environment. We will also complete a comparison study between our locality, a region of Eastern Europe and a region of the USA.

RE

We will begin by investigating the events of Pentecost. Then, we will learn about the conversion of Saul to Paul and his subsequent missionary journeys and letter writing. We will then explore how Christianity spread around the Roman Empire. Following this, we will find out about more recent Christian missionaries.

PE

Outdoor and Adventurous Activities: We will continue to work individually and collaboratively, in pairs and groups, to solve problems, share ideas, create strategies and develop plans to produce the best solution to a challenge. Pupils are also given the opportunity to lead groups and utilise negotiation skills. We will develop map reading skills, learning how to follow maps and locate controls.

Athletics: We will be developing fluency and co-ordination when running for speed, using pace over varying distances to maximise performance. We will learn how to build momentum and power in the triple jump and how to throw with greater control and technique.

Cumbria Cricket will lead P.E sessions on Wednesdays, this half term.

DT

We will be designing, making and evaluating model lunar rovers. As part of this, we will learn about levers and pulleys.

PSHE

We will continue to find out about the concept and impact of positive thinking. Following this, sessions will be linked to our science this half term with Year 5 and 6 learning about changes during puberty.

French

We will be using the theme 'The Environment' to develop our knowledge and understanding. It introduces vocabulary associated with the things we experience around us every day.

Music

We continue to examine some classic rock tracks, learning how to sing the songs and improvise accompaniment.

Art

We will be completing our study of artwork from significant North American artists. We will examine the work of artists involved in the development 'Pop Art' and we will use this to inspire our own work.

Important Information and Class Routines

PE days are **Mondays & Wednesdays**. Please could you ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school on Monday and on Wednesday.

The Homework Grid details a range of different homework activities to choose from. The expectation is that one piece is selected and completed by the Wednesday of each week. There may, at times, be specific homework activities to carry out during particular weeks. If so, these activities will be linked to a topic or a specific lesson. A note will be sent to inform if this is the case.

Weekly spellings will be given out on Friday, with the test to be carried out 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.

Thank you

Mr Cross