Springfield Information for Parents- Autumn 2

This half- term our topic continues to be the Second World War.

Literacy

In Literacy, we will be reading and writing instructional texts and linking these to our work on the Second World War. We will be writing non-chronological reports focusing on Remembrance and aspects of our wider topic work. Our story work will focus on character analysis and development and will be inspired by our class novel Letters from the Lighthouse.

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

Class Reading- In Springfield, we will be working in groups to undertake daily reading fluency sessions and comprehension tasks designed to support development of our reading skills.

Maths

We will begin by continuing our work on methods of division before moving on to work involving calculating and problem-solving with fractions. We will also be examining units of measurement, both imperial and metric, and we will be solving a range of associated problems.

Arithmetic- The children will practise their arithmetic skills regularly and each week will complete an arithmetic quiz.

Winning With Numbers

We will be following the new 'Winning With Numbers' programme designed to support development of 'number fluency'. We will have regular weekly sessions.

Science

Our Science topic for the half-term is Light, in which will be learning about the properties of light and examining how light behaves in a range of contexts. We will investigate reflection and refraction and learn about Isaac Newton's work on the spectrum of light and how we are able to distinguish colours.

RE

In RE, our focus question is 'How do our celebrations reflect the true meaning of Christmas?' We will begin by developing our understanding of how the Nativity is documented in the Bible by comparing different versions of the story. We will consider how aspects of the Nativity story have impacted the way that Christmas is celebrated by Christians around the world.

Christian Values- Our class Christian value for this year is 'Respect'.

PE

In PE, we will be undertaking gymnastics work involving designing, refining and performing gymnastic movements and sequences. We will also be developing our fitness by taking part in a range of aerobic activity sessions.

Music

In Music, we will be completing our work on Charanga's digital audio workstation in which we will be adding further instrumental accompaniments to our tracks and learning to improve our improvising skills. We will also be rehearsing songs that form part of this year's Christmas production.

History

Our topic for this term is World War Two and during this half term we will learn about how the war impacted families on the home front. We will consider what life was like for children who were evacuated from large cities and consider how the lives of women changed as a result of the war.

Geography

Our geography will be linked to our topic. We will locate some key areas from which children were evacuated and identify regions of the country that received evacuees. We will look at the reasons Barrow was targeted by German bombers during the Blitz and how this impacted our local area.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will develop our understanding of what it means to act responsibly towards others by exploring how our choices and behaviours can affect the people around us.

French

In French, we will be focusing on using our language skills to talk about 'actions'. We will be learning new vocabulary associated with the topic and we will be using this as a basis for developing conversations.

Art

In Art, we will complete work inspired by the art of Kurt Schwitters and we will create individual pieces of artwork linked to topics such as Remembrance and Christmas.

DT

In DT, we will complete models of an Anderson shelter and learn about cooking and diet during the Second World War. We will investigate recipes from the time and apply rationing principles to make authentic meals.

Computing

In Computing, we will focus on coding. We will learn how to incorporate variables into code to create simple, playable games and learn how to simulate physical systems using algorithms.

Important Information and Class Routines

PE

PE days are **Mondays** and **Wednesdays.**

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 second 'homework grid' which details a range of tasks and activities linked to areas of the curriculum. Your child can choose which activity they complete each week. Homework books will be checked each Wednesday.

Spellings to be learnt at home will be given out every Friday for a test the following Friday.

Mr Cross