

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 focussing 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.

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

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.

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- The school Christian Value for this half term is respect and reverence.

PE

In PE, we will be undertaking gymnastics work involving designing, refining and performing a series of gymnastic sequences. We will also be developing our rugby skills in sessions led by a coach from Barrow Raiders..

Music

In music, we will be continuing our learning about jazz music. We will be developing instrumental accompaniments and learning to improve our improvising skills. We will also be learning and 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 be considering the notion of consent and personal boundaries. We will be thinking about the meaning of personal space and how that influences our understanding of what constitutes appropriate behaviour with peers.

French

In French, we will be continuing to focus on using our language skills to talk about school. We will be learning new vocabulary associated with lessons and the school day and we will be learning about French Christmas traditions.

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 **Tuesdays**; however, for the second half-term PE will be **Monday and Thursday** as we are having an external provider delivering Rugby sessions for the Thursday session.

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. Over the half term, the aim is to complete at least one of these homework activities every week. 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.

Walking Home

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

Mr Cross, Mrs Lewis & Mr Gee