

## Springfield Primary Academy

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### Information for parents of Year 1 and 2 children – Autumn 2020

Dear parents

Welcome to a new school year at Springfield Primary Academy. This letter aims to provide you with information about routines, the curriculum, homework etc... within the Year 1 and 2 classes this term.

#### COVID-19 (please see the school Risk Assessment on the website)

As we are gradually getting back to some form of normality, the workings of school will be a bit different (keep checking on the school website for newsletters.)

Key points:

Parents at present are unable to come into school so unfortunately there will be no open mornings.

Staggered start/ finishes: A-I (8.50-3.20) J-R (9-3.30) S-Z (9.10-3.40) please ensure you adhere to social distancing guidance during these times. Please make sure that you arrive to school at your allocated time.

#### What children should bring to school?

NO hand gel: hand washing with soap is still considered the best form of washing hands and staff will make sure that children are washing hands regularly, at set times of the day. Staff have access to alcohol based sanitiser if needed.

A drink – the children are allowed to have a drink at different times during the day, though cups are not provided. We would encourage your child to bring **a named, labelled, bottle of water or another sugar free drink**, which can be kept in the classroom.

Their book bag / PE bags.

#### Communication

**Please make sure that you are signed up to Class Dojo** – as a school we will be using this platform to share information / spellings/ rewards and to set work should school have to close due to COVID-19. It is also a good way of communicating with your child's class teacher. Alternatively, you can contact the office by phone or email.

Can you please let the office / classteacher know if your child is being picked up by someone different other than yourself.

#### Learning

This term there will be two topics, Autumn 1 – Toys, and Autumn 2 – Under the Sea. Autumn 1 will be predominantly history based and the children will learn about how toys have changed over time. Autumn 2, the topic will be geography based where the children will learn about the UK, Europe and the surrounding seas. Throughout both topics, we will have a science focus of materials.

#### Grouping

This year we will have 3 classes: Y1, Y1/2 and Y2. The children will spend most of their time in these classes, although there will be grouping for phonic work and maths.

## Staff

The Year 1 teachers this year will be Mrs. Robinson and Miss James sharing a Year 1 class. Mrs. White will have Y1/2 and Y2 Miss Bunn. Other staff supporting the classes will be Mrs Petres, Mrs Whitehead, Mrs Kirkham, Mrs Blythin and Mrs McUrich,

## PE

PE will be as follows.

Miss Bunn's class – Tuesday and Wednesday

Mrs White's class – Tuesday and Friday

Mrs Robinson and Miss James' class – Tuesday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit with them on these days (Springfield PE shirt and black shorts). Wherever possible, PE will take place outside so please make sure that children have trainers and an outside kit. Please note that earrings must be taken out for PE lessons and members of staff cannot do this. Children **cannot** take part in PE lessons wearing earrings and cannot cover earrings with plasters. Please note that PE is a statutory requirement. PE kits should be brought into school and left for the term, teachers will send home PE kits if they become dirty.

**NB. It would really help if all items of PE kit and other uniform are named (including shoes) and checked at the end of the term, as names tend to wash off easily.**

## Spelling

The children will be given spellings on a Friday to learn at home. These spellings will be based on the letters and sounds phase that your child is working on or will be high frequency/tricky words. Your support in helping your child to practise their spellings will be greatly appreciated. Spellings will be tested the following Friday (for everyone). Spellings may also be posted on your child's Dojo.

## Reading/Bug Club

It is most important that your child continues to read at home on a regular basis. This could be a book from school, using online reading (BUG CLUB) or other books that you might have at home. There is an expectation that children read their school books, which will be sent home. In addition to this, children are encouraged to use Bug Club as well as sharing books from home.

All the children will take part in a guided reading session with the class teacher once per week. The children will bring at least one book home per week. Additional phonic books may also be sent home. **Reading books will be sent home on Fridays and should be returned by the following Tuesday to enable books to be changed safely in accordance with quarantine guidance.**

## Learn its

There is an expectation that all Year 1 children can count in 2s, 5s and 10s up to 24, 60 and 120 respectively. In Year 2 the expectation is that children have rapid recall of all the facts from each of these tables as well as knowing the division facts i.e. How many 5s are there in 35. KS1 children will have a CLIC and beat that test. These tests will check how well your child has learnt/ is learning the 'learn it's' that form the basis of Big maths work.

## Homework

We are continuing with the homework journals. These produce some high quality homework and also enable children and parents to share 'longer' pieces of homework. Every child will be given a homework book that will be their responsibility. Each term there will be a homework 'menu' stuck into the homework book. This will contain a set of interesting and fun activities related to the work being done in class. The expectation is that your child should choose at least 6 activities from the menu over the half-term and, once an activity has been completed, bring the homework book into class. We hope that this will encourage your child to take more 'ownership' of their homework as well as improving the quality of homework.

Yours sincerely

Miss Bunn      Mrs White      Mrs Robinson      Miss James