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Information for parents of Year 1 and 2 children – Spring 2020

Dear parents

Welcome to a new 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.

Learning

This term there will be two topics, Spring 1 – Towers, Tunnels and Turrets, and Spring 2 – The Scented Garden. Spring 1 will be predominantly history based and the children will learn all about castles and castle life as well as looking at a range of fiction stories to compare fiction to reality. In Spring 2, the children will explore the astounding world of the garden, planting bulbs and seeds and watching them grow.

Educational Visits

There are no visits planned at the moment; however once we have any news we will let you know in a separate letter.

Grouping

Classes are remaining the same: Y1, Y1/2 and Y2. The children will spend most of their time in these classes, although there will be grouping for letters and sounds/phonics work.

PE

PE will be as follows.

Miss Bunn's and Mrs Capes' class – Monday and Wednesday

Mrs White's class – Wednesday and Thursday

Mrs Robinson and Miss Evison's class – Tuesday and Friday

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit with them on these days and that they also have trainers as PE may take place outside. (T-shirt with the appropriate house colour and black shorts). Please note that earrings must be removed for PE lessons and members of staff cannot do this. Children **will not** be able to take part in PE lessons wearing earrings and cannot cover earrings with plasters. Please note that P.E is a statutory requirement.

NB. Please ensure that all items of PE kit and other uniform are named, and checked regularly, as names tend to wash off. This will make returning items of lost property easier.

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 is greatly appreciated. Spellings will be tested the following Friday (for everyone).

Reading/Bug Club/Reading challenge

It is most important that your child continues to read at home on a regular basis. **Reading scheme books will be sent home on Fridays and should be returned by the following Wednesday to enable books to be changed.** There is an expectation that children will read the book, which will be sent home, but they can also read any book that you may have at home, or use online reading, (Bug Club). Can we also ask that you look at the reading challenge – Where will your reading take you?

Times tables/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? Your child's class teacher will make it clear what each child should practise at home. Tables tests will take place in Year 2 classes on a weekly basis. Also, on a weekly basis, 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', we will send these home weekly so you can see your child's score and practise with them at home.

Homework

Continue to use the homework journals and termly 'menus' to produce some high quality homework. Every child will be given a homework book that will be their responsibility. Please ensure homework books are returned to school at the beginning /end of term so that a new homework menu can be attached. They will contain a set of interesting and fun activities related to the work being taught in class. The expectation is that your child should choose at least six 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.

Open mornings.

Each KS1 classroom will continue to be open twice a week from 8.50am for parents to come in and look at displays, books put out by class teachers, or to have a quick word with class teachers. The days will be as follows:-

All Key Stage One classes - Tuesday and Thursday

Picking up

Due to new GDPR regulations, if someone who would not normally come for them is collecting your child, please make your child's teacher aware at the beginning of the day or ring the school office. This is for your child's safety.

Other information

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. This should be taken home each evening to be washed and refilled. Please ensure that your child **does not** bring toys to school unless they have been asked to.

We hope this letter will answer your questions about the term ahead. However, if you do require further information, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Miss Bunn

Mrs Capes

Mrs White

Mrs Robinson

Miss Evison