

## Springfield Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to a new term at Springfield Primary Academy. Your children have come back brilliantly after the Christmas break and settled quickly back into routines. This letter aims to provide you with all the information that you need within the Year 1 and 2 classes.

### Learning

This term there will be two topics. Our first topic in Spring Term 1 is 'Explorers' which will be history based. The children will begin to understand that British History has influenced world history and vice versa. They will start to understand that different historical events were happening at the same time through studying explorers and the places they discovered. The children will learn about Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. They will also build on their knowledge of transport innovations.

Our second topic in Spring Term 2 is 'Springfield to India'. The children will use geographical skills to compare the human and physical features and processes of Grimsby and the contrasting lives of Chembakolli's citizens. The children will start to understand how physical geography shapes the world. During this Topic, we will have visitors coming in to speak to the children.

In science, we will be focusing on animals including humans. The children will be able to name animals and their offspring and describe the basic needs for survival (water, food and air). They will state the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of foods and hygiene.

### Reading

Reading books will be sent home on a Thursday. We ask that you bring your child's book bag to school on a **Wednesday**. If they do not come in by Wednesday, we cannot guarantee your child's book will be changed that week. Please try to read your child's reading book with them at least 3 times weekly and more if possible! Practise makes perfect! Reading books are matched to your child's phonic knowledge. Your child will also choose a book from our Love for reading library. This book is not for your child to read by themselves, but for you to share together.

### Spellings

The children will be set spellings on a Friday to learn at home. These spellings will be based on the phonic phase that your child is working on. Children will be able to log into EdShed.com to access their spelling words for that week and engage in spelling games and activities to aid them. Your support in helping your child to practise their spellings will be greatly appreciated. Spellings will be tested the following **Friday**.

### Maths

Children will have weekly 'Learn It' tests. You will receive this term's 'Learn Its' to practise at home. We encourage Year 2's to practise their times tables on TT Rockstars.

### PE

There will be 2 PE lessons per week. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in the appropriate PE kit on these days (Springfield PE shirt, black shorts and black trainers). Wherever possible, PE will take place outside. Children may wear a school sweatshirt/school PE hoodie and plain black leggings/jogging bottoms if the weather is cooler. Please note that earrings must be taken out for PE lessons and members of staff cannot do this. If children are wearing earrings, they are able to cover them with plasters. We kindly ask that items of PE kit, particularly sweatshirts, are named.

Each class will have P.E on the same days. Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

### Homework

Please look out for our new homework menu for this half term. This will contain a set of interesting and fun activities related to the work being done in class. Children should choose an activity and once completed bring the homework book into class or post a picture on your child's dojo portfolio. Children can complete these at their own pace and are not compulsory, but it is always lovely to see work that you have done together at home!

### Communication

The children will continue to receive rewards on Class Dojo. Important updates will go out on the whole school newsletters and via MCAS.

For your child's safety, please can you make sure that you inform the class teacher (at the door in the morning) or contact the school office if your child is being collected from school by someone other than yourselves.

### Twitter

We continue to use Twitter to showcase our learning in school. We try to post regularly to give you an idea of what we have been up to. We use the hashtag #springfielddyear1and2.

### Before and After School

We kindly ask that before and after school, children refrain from going on the tyres, trim trail and using any of the equipment. This is because the playground is very busy at these times.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

The Key Stage One Team