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Homework, routines and other information for Year 5 and 6

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. This letter provides information on routines, topic work etc. for your child for the autumn term at Springfield Primary Academy.

Reading Records & Reading Response

It is most important that your child continues to read a combination of fiction and non-fiction on a regular basis at home, about 20-25 minutes a day (we suggest just before bedtime). This forms an important part of their homework and will significantly affect their progress in all subject areas, more so now than ever. As before, all children in KS2 will continue to use their reading record, which will accompany their reading book. Children should continue to access reading and grammar activities at home on Bug Club.

Topic work

Our new topic for this first half term will be 'Town and Country'. There will be a geography focus and we will be comparing features of urban and rural landscapes, learning about land use and types of settlements and further developing our map reading skills at different scales and levels. In Science, we will be learning about properties of materials and investigating how materials can change.

In the second half term, we will be learning about Guy Fawkes and Gunpowder Plot and in Science, we will be learning about Earth in Space and the Solar System.

Bikeability

Level 1 Bikeability will take place for all Y5 and Y6 children this half term and level 2 later in the year. Please see the Bikeability letter for further information.

Learning Journals

Please could you ensure your child has their own notebook or jotter (preferably an A5 ring-bound book) to use as their learning journal? This is a book they can use to 'maggie' key tips and tricks to help them remember important facts etc. in Maths and English. They can also use it to support them with their homework. Thank you to those who have already provided their child a new learning journal.

PE

Mrs Wardle's class – Monday and Thursday

Mrs Namur's class – Thursday and Friday

Miss Appleby's class – Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit with them on these days (black shorts and school PE t-shirt). PE lessons will take place outdoors where possible. As the weather gets colder, children will need their winter PE kit (a black or navy tracksuit and trainers) for outdoor lessons.

Spellings

Children will continue to be given spellings to learn on Fridays for a test the following Friday – these will be available on Class Dojo. Helping your child to learn the definitions and practise their spellings for a few minutes each day rather than just trying to learn them the night before is the most effective way of ensuring they remember them in the long term. These spellings will appear on the Y6 KS2 SPaG test and can make a huge difference to SATs scores.

Homework

As usual, the children will have a topic related homework menu in their homework books – children may complete homework in their books or upload it to Class Dojo if they prefer. Additionally children in Y6 will have homework text books for Reading, Maths and SPaG. Children will be allocated one exercise to complete in each book every week. Each task takes only 10 minutes. Text books must be returned **every** Monday morning when we will go through the tasks in the lesson.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Appleby, Miss Namur and Mrs Wardle