

## Springfield Primary Academy

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### Homework, routines and other information for Year 5 and 6

Dear Parents,

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

**Reading Records:** It is most important that your child continues to read a combination of fiction and non-fiction on a regular basis at home, ideally about 20-25 minutes a day. This forms an important part of their homework and will significantly impact on their progress in all subject areas. Each time they complete a reading session, children should write a comment about what they have read in their reading record and return their reading records to be checked. For each completed reading session, children will earn a Dojo point and, if a child completes their target three reads within a week, they will receive a bonus 3 Dojo points.

#### 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. To support our studies, we will be going on a visit to Tealby village on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and going out for a walk around Scartho. In Science, we will be learning about properties of materials and investigating how materials can change or be separated, when mixed. In the second half term, we will be learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot and in Science, we will be learning about Earth in Space and the Solar System.

#### Swimming

Swimming lessons will begin this term on Fridays, for Y5 children (not Y6). The first lesson will be on 16<sup>th</sup> September. Children will need a swimming costume and towel.

#### 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 'magpie' 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 Friday

Mrs Orhan's class – Monday and Friday

Miss Appleby's class – Tuesday and Friday

**Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit with them on these days (black shorts and school PE t-shirt) – as per Mr Willett’s letter.** 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 available on Dojo – children should complete homework and upload it to Class Dojo. Additionally all children 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. Y6 should return their text books **every** Tuesday morning when we will go through the tasks in the lesson. Y5 should bring theirs on Thursdays.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Appleby, Mrs Orhan and Mrs Wardle