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**Care, Collaboration, Challenge**1<sup>st</sup> May 2025Homework, 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 summer term at Springfield Primary Academy.

**Topic work:**

Our new topic for this first half term is 'Keen to be Green' and has a science and geography focus. We will be learning about energy production, comparing renewable with non-renewable energy sources and considering ways in which we can be greener. We will also be learning about the Chernobyl and Fukushima disasters and the impact that they have had on our planet. In our science lessons, we will be learning about the discovery of electricity, exploring how circuits work and conducting a circuit investigation.

Additionally, we will be learning about the cubist movement in art, where we will be exploring modern art and distortion using various media. For this term's design technology, we are going to be designing and making an electronic game, using the coding skills we have learnt previously in our Computing lessons on Microbits.

**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 child who completes three reads at home will receive a golden ticket.

KS2 children will continue to use their reading record, which will accompany their reading book. Your child's reading book will alternate between a scheme book and a book of their choice from the classroom. Please ensure your child dates their reading record and writes a comment about what they have read. These reading records will be checked regularly by the class teacher. In addition to just being a record of reading, the booklets also contain spelling, punctuation and grammar information to help your child with homework and revision.

**Maths and English Journals:**

Children will continue to use their personal writing and maths journals. They are a useful tool where children can note essential details that will aid with their work and SATs revision. We kindly ask that you ensure that your child brings their journal every day.

**PE:**

There will be 2 PE lessons per week. Please ensure that your child wears the appropriate PE kit on these days. May we remind you that our PE kit consists of **black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/joggers/leggings, red t-shirt and a school hoodie or school sweatshirt**, which can be purchased from Greenswear.

**PE days:**

All classes have PE on **Monday** and **Wednesday**

Occasionally, this may have to change, but parents will be informed via McAS.

**Spellings:**

Children will continue to be given spellings to learn on Fridays for a test the following Friday. These will continue to be available on EdShed Spelling and the class story on 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 be based on spelling strings and patterns we will have practised during our spelling lessons. Children will be able to access spelling games via their EdShed Spelling log in.

**Times tables:**

As part of the National Curriculum, children are expected to have instant recall of all times tables up to 12x12. To help make practising fun and less arduous for children and parents, children have online access to TTRockstars to assist with their tables knowledge.

**Homework Books:**

All children in Y5/6 will continue to use their 10-minute homework books; 3 for Y6 (Reading, Maths and SPaG) and 3 for Y5 (Maths and Spelling/Vocabulary and English). Each week they will be expected to complete the set of tasks and return their books to school so we can mark work and go through the answers together: Y6 on Tuesdays, Y5 on Thursdays. The tests will follow on each week, but these can also be found on the class story in Dojo. We will continue to use the homework books after the SATs test – please do not discard them.

**Uniform:**

We kindly ask that you ensure your child wears the correct uniform for school.

**PE days:** black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/joggers/leggings, red t-shirt and a school hoodie or school sweatshirt. Jewellery, earrings and watches should be removed and hair tied back. Where it is not possible to remove earrings, please provide plasters or medical tape to cover them to prevent injury.

**General Uniform:** black or grey school trousers, skirts or pinafores or red gingham dresses for summer, white shirts or polo shirts and a red sweatshirt. Sweatshirts with the school logo on can be purchased from Greenswear. Alternatively, a plain red sweatshirt can be worn. Children should wear black school shoes. We kindly ask that children do not wear sports clothing on days that are not PE. Jewellery, except for stud earrings and watches are not permitted nor is nail varnish or make-up.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Appleby, Mrs Orhan, Mr Searby & Mrs Wardle