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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 summer 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, 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 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. In our computing lessons, we will be creating custom animations using animating software and designing and creating our own websites, as well as developing our coding skills through game creation. For this term's design technology, we are going to be designing and making an electronic game.

PE

Mrs Wardle's class – Monday and Tuesday

Mrs Orhan and Mrs Namur's class – Monday and Tuesday

Miss Appleby's class – Tuesday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit with them on these days (either school PE hoodie or a PLAIN sweatshirt/hoodie, plain black shorts or leggings and school PE t-shirt). PE lessons will take place outdoors where possible and on PE days, the children should come to school in their PE Kit.

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. Games and activities for these spellings are available to help your child in learning these by logging on to the Spelling Shed. 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

The children will continue with their CGP revision books which we will go through and mark with the children (Tuesday Y6 and Thursday Y5). As usual, the children will have a topic related homework menu that will be added to Dojo – children may complete homework and upload it to Class Dojo.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Appleby, Mrs Namur, Mrs Orhan and Mrs Wardle.