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Information for parents of Year 1 and 2 children – Summer 2019

Dear parents

Welcome to a new school term at Springfield Primary Academy. This letter aims to provide you with information about routines, the curriculum, homework etc. within the Year 1 and 2 classes this term.

Learning

This term we have split the term into 2 topics – Summer 1 – The Enchanted Forest, and Summer 2 – Wriggle and Crawl. Due to Summer 1 being a short term and with Y2 taking their statutory tests – Year 2 will not be fully participating in the Summer 1 topic. The Enchanted Forest topic will predominantly be geography and art based. Summer 2, Wriggle and Crawl – will see the children explore their environment. They will be looking at different habitats and the plants and animals that live there. We will be exploring the role of bees and will be incorporating an educational visit to support their learning. Further details to follow once the visit has been finalised.

Statutory assessments

Summer term is a busy one for statutory assessments. Throughout May children will participate in the Y2 SATs (Statutory assessment tests) these will be conducted in small groups. Y1's will take their phonics-screening test in the week commencing Monday 10th June. It is important that children are in school so that we can prepare them to do their best at these times. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above, please speak to your child's teacher.

Grouping

There will be no change to groupings this term, there will still be two Year 1 classes and two Year 2 classes. The children will spend most of their time in these classes, although there will be some grouping for Letters and Sounds/Phonics work and guided reading.

Staff

The Year 1 teachers are Miss James, Mrs. Robinson and Miss Evison sharing a Year 1 class. The Year 2 teachers will be Miss Bunn, Mrs. White and Miss Powell. Other staff supporting the classes will be Mrs Wright, Miss Prime, Mrs Petres, Mrs McUrich and Mrs Tuck.

PE

PE times will be as follows.

Miss Bunn's class – Wednesday and Thursday

Mrs White's class – Wednesday and Thursday

Miss James' class – Monday and Friday

Mrs Robinson and Miss Evison's class – Monday and Friday

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit with them on these days (T-shirt with the appropriate house colour and black shorts). Your child should also have trainers as PE may take place outside. Please note that earrings must be taken out for PE lessons and members of staff cannot do this. Children **cannot** take part in PE lessons wearing earrings and cannot cover earrings with plasters.

NB. Last year we had a massive amount of unclaimed PE kit with no name. It would really help if all items of PE kit and other uniform are named and checked regularly as names tend to wash off easily.

Spelling

The children will be given spellings on a Friday to learn at home. These spellings will be based on the Letters and Sounds phase that your child is working on or will be High Frequency/Tricky words. Your support in helping your child to practise their spellings will be greatly appreciated. Spellings will be tested the following Friday (for everyone).

Reading

It is most important that your child continues to read at home on a regular basis. This could be a book from school or other books that you might have at home. All the children will take part in a guided reading session with the class teacher once per week. The children will bring at least one book home per week. Additional phonic books may also be sent home. **Reading books will be sent home on Fridays and should be returned by the following Tuesday to enable books to be changed.** Don't forget to log onto your Bug club account for additional reading opportunities and some grammar tasks. If you do read using Bug club – remember to click onto the bugs in the book for activities linked to the story.

Times tables.

There is an expectation that all Year 1 children can count in 2s, 5s and 10s up to 24, 60 and 120 respectively. In Year 2 the expectation is that children have fast recall of all the facts from each of these tables as well as knowing the division facts i.e. 'How many 5s are there in 35?' Your child's class teacher will make it clear what each child should practise at home. Tables tests will take place in Year 2 classes on a weekly basis.

Homework

Each term there will be a homework 'menu' stuck into the homework book. This will contain a set of interesting and fun activities related to the work being done in class. The expectation is that your child should choose at least 6 activities from the menu over the half-term and, once an activity has been completed, bring the homework book into class. We hope that this will encourage your child to take more 'ownership' of their homework as well as improving the quality of homework.

Open mornings.

Each KS1 classroom will continue to be open twice a week from 8.50am for parents to come in and look at displays, books put out by class teachers, or to have a quick word with class teachers. The days will be as follows:-

All Key Stage One classes - Tuesday and Thursday

Other information

The children are allowed to have a drink at different times during the day, though cups are not provided. We would encourage your child to bring a **named, labelled, bottle of water or another sugar free drink**, which can be kept in the classroom. This should be taken home each evening to be washed and refilled. Please ensure that your child **does not** bring toys to school unless they have been asked to.

Hopefully, this letter will answer your questions about the term ahead. However, if you do require further information, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Miss Bunn

Mrs White

Miss James

Mrs Robinson

Miss Evison