

Springfield Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week **Year 1** helped us to think about super heroes in our local community in the Family Learning afternoon. Thank-you to all families for whom were able to attend. It was wonderful to see children and families learning together, with glitter aplenty.

Well-done this week to all children who took part in both **netball, football and Sports Leaders' activities**. We have re-introduced **Pupils V Staff** sport and today **Year 5** ably took on teachers, showing us how **bench ball** should be played - I am grateful for the half-term break, as the adults need to recover!

Mrs Griffiths leads the **Springfield Express News Team** this year and the pupils have produced an excellent first edition of the newspaper for October 2021. Please do take the time to read through the articles. Well-done to the team for such impressive journalism!

We continue to work with the **local charity Baraka**, supporting **Kato School in Zambia**. Pupils have been learning more about education and culture in Zambia, as part of their assembly programme and within class. Thank-you for your support in this partnership through your generous mufti-day donations which will be used to help fund resources in Kato School.

This week concludes our first cycle of open mornings for this half-term with the Nursery Pumpkin Trails which have been a huge success. Our next open morning for **prospective families** takes place on **2nd November at 9.30am**. We are hosting **Christmas Bauble Craftwork Workshops** for new families and information about these can found on the school website.

On **5th November** we have our next **Pastoral Coffee morning at 9.00am**. There will be an opportunity to find out more about how families can become more involved in **supporting learning in school through volunteering** to listen to readers, support outdoor learning developments, guest speakers in assemblies and much more. All families are warmly invited to attend.

Final **thanks** is extended to the **PTA Team** for all their hard work in preparing for what will be a **fantastic, family firework evening tonight**. Mr Sharma, Mrs Maynard and the team have worked incredibly over the course of this half-term, with the premier trophies, clothing donations, Christmas cards and firework display. From everyone within the school community, we are very grateful for such care, commitment and hard work; thank-you!

After what has been a very busy half-term, I do wish everyone a restful October break.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 1st November

All children return to school

Tuesday 2nd November

Open Morning, 9.30-10.30am

Friday 5th November

- Coffee Morning - Pastoral Team, 9.00am

- Owls and Squirrels

Outdoor Learning afternoon, 1.30pm

Monday 8th November

Parents' Evening reports will go home

Tuesday 9th November

Parents' Evening 4-7.00pm (virtual)

Wednesday 10th November

Parents' Evening 3.45-6.05pm (in school)

School Dinners

Please ensure school lunches are booked and, where applicable, paid for in advance on-line via SCOPay by no later than Thursday 1pm of the preceding week.

The new menu is attached for Autumn 2021/2022.

If your child has specific dietary requirements, please ensure that you select a meal that is appropriate for your child to eat. If you are unsure, please contact the school office.

English at Springfield

Local libraries are a great way to get your child engaged with reading, we have a number of local libraries, which have a wide range of books for children of all ages. Why not visit one of the below libraries during half-term and give your child an opportunity to experience an environment that promotes a love of reading.

Sunbury Library: Staines Rd W, Shepperton, Sunbury-on-Thames TW16 7AB



Ashford Library: Church Rd, Shepperton, Ashford TW15 2XB



Shepperton Library: High St, Shepperton TW17 9AU

Attached to this newsletter are pages from <https://www.booksfortopics.com/>, which recommend books for children of all ages. See if you can find some of these books in your local library. We have provided a checklist so your child can tick them off once they have read them. Have fun exploring all these fantastic books!

Maths at Springfield

Maths Strategies for half term

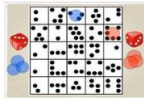
> Ask your child to count the change at the grocery store, or to estimate the total cost while you are shopping.



> Explain what you're doing whenever you use a measuring tape, a scale, or a ruler. Ask for your child's help.



> Play card or board games with your child that involve counting or patterns.



> Use dice or playing cards to make a game out practicing math facts.



> Have your child count down the time (weeks, days and hours) to a special day or holiday.



> Have your child measure ingredients for a recipe you are making.



Nursery

If you have a pre-Nursery or a Nursery child who will require a place in September or know of anyone that does, please come along or let them know about our open Mornings below:

Open Mornings 9.30-10.30am

2nd November

1st December

6th January

10th November

14th December

11th January

18th November

19th December

23rd November

Please email your attendance

Email: info@springfield.surrey.sch.uk

website: www.springfieldsch.org

Awards

This week's **Lead Learners** were celebrated today, the focus being 'Having a great first half term of the school year':

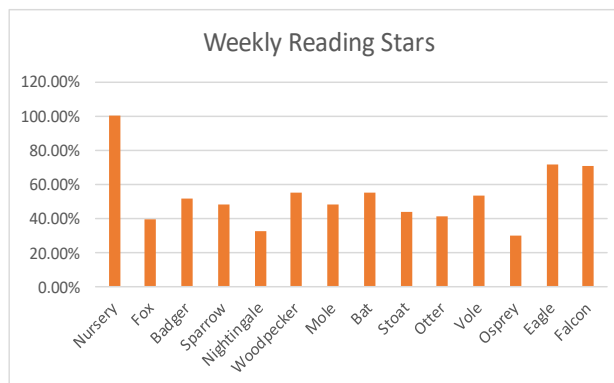
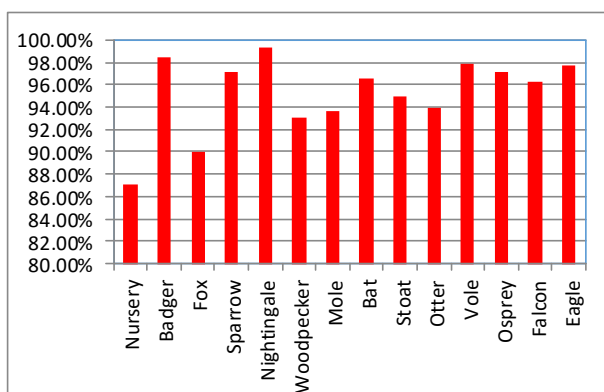
Sparrow - Jessica	Stoat - Samia
Nightingale - Sargam	Otter - Jacob
Woodpecker - Zainab	Vole - Joshua
Mole - Jayden	Osprey - William
Bat - Jovi	Eagle - Ava
	Falcon - Max

This week's **Super Citizens** were celebrated today, the focus being 'For showing a kind and caring attitude throughout the term':

Sparrow - Eileen	Stoat - Siena
Nightingale - Lucas	Otter - Poppy
Woodpecker - Sadie	Vole - Bell
Mole - George	Osprey - Lola
Bat - Lettie	Eagle - Freja
	Falcon - Toby

Our **Reception Kings and Queens** for this week are:

Badger Class:	Fox Class:
King - Stanley	King - Harlan
Queen - Savannah	Queen - Brooke



Attendance – Winners of the attendance cup for week commencing 11th October are:

KS1:	Nightingale – 99.3%
KS2:	Vole – 97.9%

Reading Stars – Winners for week commencing 11th October are Nursery with 100%

TT Rockstars – Bat class are winners this week. Our top 3 TT Rockstars with the most improved in accuracy are Liam (Y6), Leila (Y3) and Jack (Y4).

Numbots – Mole class are winners this week. Our top 3 Numbots Stars with the most correct answers are Maelys (Y1) Charlotte (Y2) and Janvika (Y2).

- Mehmet (Y1) achieved the Rust level
- Janvika (Y2) achieved the Carbon Fibre level
- James (Y2) and Maelys (Y1) achieved the Tin level
- Zainab (Y2) and Laila (Y1) achieved the Copper level
- Jacob (Y2), Esther (Y1), Adam (Y1) and Yasmin (Y1) achieved the Iron level
- Laila (Y1) achieved the Steel level

Well done everyone!

Gugafit – Sparrow class are winners for week commencing 11th October.

Help for Parents

Sexual Harassment and Harmful Sexual behaviours

During the week commencing 8th November, children across the school will be learning about the risks around sexual harassment and harmful sexual behaviours both inside and outside of school. This will be age applicable and taught with sensitivity ensuring children are introduced to vocabulary relevant to their age.

In EYFS children will be introduced to safe touch, discussing with the children that it is okay to refuse touch if it makes them feel uncomfortable. Key Stage 1 children will be introduced to the NSPCC Pants programme, from P through to S, each letter gives an important message for children as young as four to help them stay safe – like that their body belongs to them, they have the right to say no, and they should tell an adult if they feel worried or upset about anything. Key Stage 2, using resources from childnet, will have an assembly explaining what they should do if they experience unwanted behaviours both in person and online, through these assemblies we will discuss the risks of sexual behaviours online and how children can keep themselves safe online.

In recent years, there has been a significant increase in incidents involving peer-on-peer sexual harassment and harmful sexual behaviours, by educating your child with age-appropriate techniques we can ensure that if they begin to experience any form of harassment or negative behaviours, they will know exactly how to report these to reduce the long-term risks.

A letter containing detailed information will be sent home to each child explaining what they will learn within their key stage, all resources will be available on our school website.

If you have any questions regarding the above, The Pastoral team will be holding an open coffee morning to discuss any queries on Friday 5th November at 9am. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

General Information

Parents' Evening

This will take place Tuesday 9th November, 4-7.00pm (virtually) and Wednesday 10th November, 3.45-6.05pm. Please be aware that we are reviewing covid-19 restrictions, we will review guidance nearer the time and we will update you accordingly. The link for you to sign up for parents' evening will be made available on our return to school.

Returning to school

Please ensure that on Monday 1st November your child arrives on time to school between 8.45-8.55am.

Clubs and Boosters

All clubs and boosters will commence from Monday 1st November. Please note the following teacher led clubs will **not** be taking place on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th due to parent's evening:

- Phonics with Miss Wall (not taking place)
- Board Games with Miss Seager (not taking place)

Fireworks night

A reminder to please keep your children with you at all times to keep them safe.

Pastoral

Supporting children to manage fears

With dark nights drawing in, and Halloween and Fireworks night approaching, we have been asked to share some strategies to support children manage their fears. It is vital that we remember that fear is an important and healthy emotion - it allows our body to signal to us when something feels unsafe or uncertain and it is essential that children learn to understand and recognise this emotion as it will keep them safe throughout life.

All children experience fears at one time or another whether it be fear of the dark, dogs, spiders and bugs or something less commonplace, and it is our role as adults to help them manage and understand how to deal with this, however irrational (and sometimes frustrating) this can be for us.

If your child is feeling scared about something, here are some great strategies to support them:

- Don't avoid the things that make them scared as this only puts off the issue and can in fact increase anxiety around it.
- Try to stay calm and try not to show irritation even if their fears seem irrational.
- Reassure them that being scared is normal.
- Ask specific questions - "What makes X scary?", "Can you remember a time when X scared you - what happened?"
- Reassure them that lots of children have the same worries as them.
- Make a plan and set goals. For example, could they watch the fireworks from inside the house rather than in the garden? Could you arrange for a close friend to go Trick or Treating with them? Do you know anyone with a gentle dog they could visit to build up their confidence?
- Offer encouragement - "That was really brave when you" "I could see you felt worried, but you kept going."
- Use a fiddle or sensory toy to provide reassurance.

It is also important to realise that fearful children can express themselves through anger, and so whilst you may find yourself faced with an aggressive, angry child, the underlying cause may not be what you expect. You can find lots of tips and strategies to help children manage anger on the support for parents' section of the school website, and in our wellbeing google classroom (the code for which is **x2fftuw**).

If you have any concerns about your child's mental health or wellbeing, please contact the Pastoral Team via the school office.