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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The half-term closes on a curriculum high, with pupils in **Year 4 this week visiting the Roman Palace of Fishbourne**, children in **Year 1 developing further their knowledge of the solar system through the visit of the Moon Dome** and **Year 3 hosting a Family Learning** afternoon all about the **stone age**.



Our sports teams excelled this week. Well-done to our **girls' football team** for winning their next match in the tournament which would see them top of the league if they win their next match and to our **cricketers for their sporting endeavours at Spelthorne Sports Club**.

Each month we hold a **staff versus pupil sports event** and this week, children showed us just how good they are at football, taking no-nonsense from the likes of Mr Cain and Mr Baker. I think we may have an England squad in the making!

Springfield marked the **Queen's platinum jubilee with a party, picnic organised by our highly-committed PTA**. Thank-you to all members of the PTA and honorary members, including: grandparents, older siblings and former pupils for coming together to make the event a real celebration of such a significant event in our history.



Thank-you to everyone for your kind donations of **second-hand children's clothes**. If you are having a spring clean over the half-term break, all donations would be very welcome. We hope that the stand next month, helps families with much needed additional clothing for the six week, summer holiday break.

I wish all a restful half-term break.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 6th June

All pupils return to school

Wednesday 8th June

Year 1 Family Learning,
2.00pm

PTA event dates:

Thursday 16th June

Children only Family Day
Event; more information to
follow

Thursday 23rd June

Mufti-day in exchange for a
bottle tombola

Saturday 25th June

Summer Fair, 12.00pm-
3.00pm

English at Springfield

Celebration Day Writing Competition – The Celebration Day Writing Competition will inspire 4 to 18 year olds (and their teachers!) to connect with the oldest people they know and pay tribute to the lives of those who made a positive impact on them.

Each winning pupil and the winning teacher will receive a £100 Amazon voucher, an iPad, £500 Amazon voucher for their school – and their story read out by Lennie James!

This free competition for UK schools is run by The Day in support of Celebration Day on 26 June. On this day people will come together to remember the generations of individuals who created our society, celebrate the joy and inspiration they brought to the world and say thank you.

We want you to find the oldest person you know and interview them about the person who inspired them the most in their childhood. This person could be anyone – a neighbour, a friend, a teacher, a grandparent or perhaps even a great-grandparent.

You should use your interview to tell the story of this inspiring person, what their life was like and how they influenced your interviewee.

<https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/32K1-C4Y/the-day-celebration-day#How-to-enter>

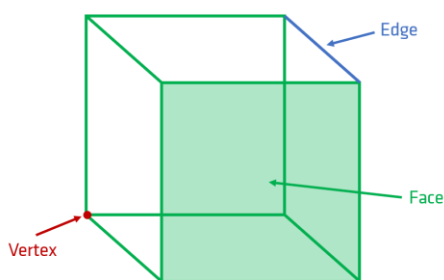
Maths at Springfield

Supporting your child with 3D shapes.

In school, your child will learn about the following key geometric shapes: spheres, cones, prisms and pyramids. It is worth knowing that geometrically prisms incorporate more solid shapes than you might traditionally think of as prisms. For example, did you know that both a cube and a cuboid with a square base and straight sides are actually considered prisms?

What are the properties of 3D shapes?

The properties of 3D shapes are their faces, edges and vertices, which all have specific meanings in the context of primary school maths lessons.



What is a face?

A face is a flat surface to a 3D object. For example, a square based prism has 5 faces. A sphere has 1 curved surface but no face.

What is an edge?

An edge is where two line segments or faces meet. A cylinder has 2 edges.

What are vertices?

Vertices are where two lines or edges meet; in maths we refer to the corners of 3D shapes as vertices. The singular of vertices is actually vertex which can be a bit confusing. A cone has one vertex, and a cube has 8 vertices.

Sport

We have had a busy week with sport with the boys' football tournament, cross country and a girls' football match.

The boys' football tournament at Egham Leisure Centre was a great opportunity to see potential recruits for our boys' football team, with the tournament being open to pupils in Year 4 & 5. We played against teams who consisted of Year 6 pupils, so our boys knew playing football would be our only way to be successful. It was tough at times, but the boys did a great job considering the age difference in most teams with an overall 5th place finish. *Well-done Noah, Albie, Ethan, Charlie, Sidney and Issac.*

The following day was one of the major events of the year the cross country competition. This event consisted of over 90 children in each race. Our school did fantastic with so many Top 20 finishes. In each race anyone that finished in the Top 8 received a medal so an even bigger achievement! Both Eadie (6th) and Alex (4th) finished in the top 8 in the Year 3/4 girls and 3/4 boys events. What is more we went one better in the Year 5/6 events with Ava coming in 1st place by more than 200m in the girls event and William (1st) and Santino (2nd) in the boys event, with both finishing over 100m ahead of 3rd place. I am extremely proud of this achievement as all the children have been working tirelessly this past week training at lunchtimes, as well as every Friday taking part in the Kids' Marathon event. *Well-done Leighton, Alfie, IreOlewa, Poppy, Alex, Baye, Maya, Eadie, Jamie, Ava, Rita, Sienna, Santino, William, Albie, Bonnie, Preston, Molly, JP and Miley.*

Finally, on Monday the girls' football team hosted Hawkdale in a local derby. It didn't disappoint in terms of action from both sides, with Springfield coming out on top with a 3-2 victory with hat-trick hero, and player of the match, Isla, scoring a second successive hat-trick to ensure all 3 points went to Springfield. *Well-done Baneet, Bethany, Molly, Ava, Megan, Lola, Maizy, Isla.*



Reading

At Springfield we are continuously promoting the importance of early reading and encouraging a love of reading. Children have regular access to our amazing LRC facility whilst in school however we know that over the summer children may have limited access to new books. Surrey Libraries are launching an exciting summer challenge in partnership with The Science Museum group, *starting from 9th July until 17 September. This year's Challenge will be a celebration of reading, science, and innovation. Children can join the free Summer Reading Challenge at their local Library, help six fun characters and become a party-planning science visionary!*

Designed for all reading abilities. Every participant receives stickers and other incentives along the way – there is a reward for every book they read. Those children who read six books are presented with a personalised certificate and an amazing medal! To bring the Challenge to life, please have a look at their Summer Reading Challenge 2022 [YouTube video](#).

The Challenge is great fun, encourages reading and enjoyment in reading throughout the summer holiday, so sign up at your local library from 9th July. It would be amazing to see the children returning to school in September with their certificates.

Pastoral

With so much in the news lately about the cost-of-living crisis, inflation and rising fuel and food costs we are aware that many of their children are becoming more aware of their family's financial situation and that, in some cases, this is starting to cause anxiety. The current economic situation will inevitably have an impact on all of our lives, and so it is important that we are mindful of how this may unsettle the children. Whilst it is wise to ensure that children do not become burdened or excessively worried about finances, it is important that talking about money does not become a taboo and that they feel they can ask questions and have them answered honestly.

- If you need to cut back on spending explain this to your children and reassure them.
- Children often pick up on anxieties so seek support from trusted friends or family members if you are feeling overwhelmed.
- Children often notice the difference between what their parents can afford compared to their peers, so it is important to model gratitude and being thankful for what we have.
- Acknowledge any worries your child may have and allow them to talk about them.

Support from school

Our Pastoral Team are always available to speak to you if your financial situation is starting to have a significant impact on your family. They are able to make referrals to food banks and other agencies, in addition to providing practical support.

Every Tuesday, the local charity Surplus 2 Supper makes a delivery to school of food items which can be accessed by the whole school community. These are placed in crates and boxes outside the main entrance from 2.30pm on a Tuesday. In addition, they run a Surplus shop every Saturday and Sunday morning at Sunbury Cricket Club where you can collect a selection of food items including bread, meat, fruit and vegetables for a mindful donation.

<https://www.surplustosupper.org/>

Budget friendly ideas for half term

- Plan a picnic in your garden or local park. Involve your children in choosing, shopping for and preparing the food - by doing so you will have supported their English, Maths and fine motor skills.
- Visit your local library - many have weekly story time sessions and membership is often free.
- Create a list of simple jobs and tasks that children can do around the home for a small reward or payment. You will be teaching them life skills along with helping them to see the value of hard work.
- Take advantage of the free local events that are on over the bank holiday weekend - many local parks are hosting community and musical events. See social media and local noticeboards for details.
- Close all the curtains and have a movie afternoon on the sofa.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's emotional wellbeing please contact the Pastoral Team via the school office.

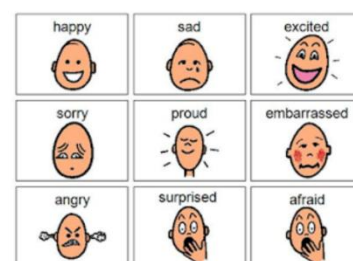
Pastoral Coffee Morning - 'Supporting Emotions'

The Pastoral team warmly welcome you to attend a coffee morning on Friday 10th June 9.00am-10.00am all about 'Supporting Emotions'. We recognise that all children go through stages of having big feelings and it can be very tricky to know how to support their emotions.

We would like to offer some support and information on how to help children to manage their emotions and support you in any concerns you may have.

Hope to see you there!

The Pastoral Team



What fills up your stress bucket?



What helps you let it out?

Awards

This week's **Lead Learners** were celebrated today, the focus being **'For showing enthusiasm to learning'**:

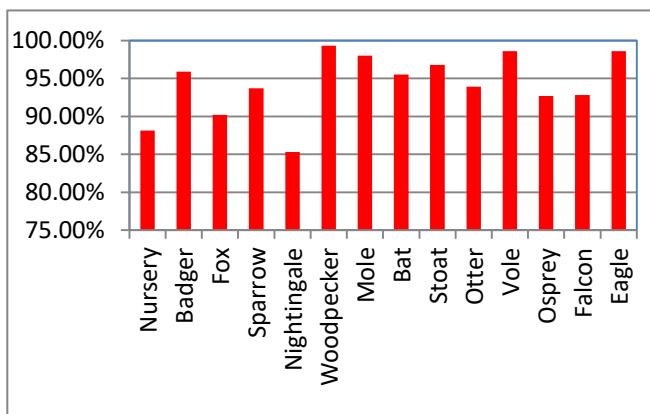
Sparrow	- Ethan	Stoat	- Freddie
Nightingale	- Arklea	Otter	- Elizabeta
Woodpecker	- Zainab	Vole	- Giorgio
Mole	- Maddison	Osprey	- Frankie
Bat	- Raife	Eagle	- Peter
		Falcon	- Eric

This week's **Super Citizens** were celebrated today, the focus was **'Showing respect towards adults'**:

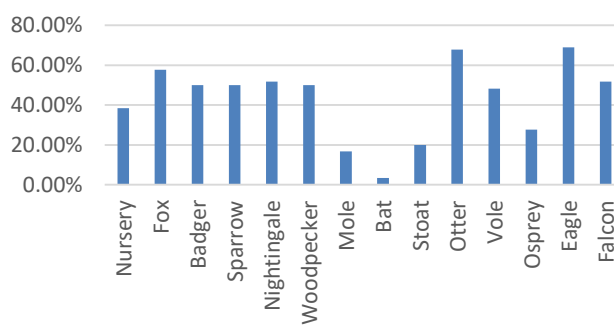
Sparrow	- Siyan	Stoat	- Layan
Nightingale	- Macie	Otter	- Jacob
Woodpecker	- Sadie	Vole	- Freddy
Mole	- Oliver	Osprey	- Rhia
Bat	- Savannah	Eagle	- Ella
		Falcon	- Usman

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

Badger Class:	Fox Class:
King - Frankie	King - Ashal
Queen - Penny	Queen - Emily



Weekly Reading Stars



Attendance – Winners of the attendance cup for the week commencing 16th May are:

EYFS/KS1: Woodpecker – 99.3%

KS2: Vole and Eagle – 98.6%

TT Rockstars – Otter class are our TT Rockstars winners this week. Our top 3 TT Rockstars with the most improved in accuracy are Dominic (Y3), Elisha (Y4) and Jacob (Y4)

Numbots – Our top 3 Numbots Stars with the most correct answers are Mustafa (Y2), Janvika (Y2) and James (Y2)

- Janvika, Woodpecker Class achieved Platinum level.

Well-done everyone!

Gugafit winners – Stoat Class are winners for week commencing 16th May.

Housepoint winners – 1st place Pine - 222, 2nd place Chestnut – 189, 3rd place Beech – 161 and 4th place Willow - 160

The focus for Lead Learner after half-term is, producing high quality writing across the curriculum.

The focus for Super Citizen after half-term is, encouraging others to do their best.