

Springfield Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

This week the school was awarded the **prestigious, national Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM)** in recognition of the strength of provision for children in science at Springfield giving them exposure to a curriculum which deepens their understanding of science and so the world around them. We are **one of only 5000 schools in the country to receive this accolade**. Thank-you to Mrs Lord, our Science Lead for her leadership of this aspect of the curriculum and to staff for the investment made in planning inspiration science lessons. Pupils relish their science learning and this was reflected in this award.



Year 3 have ventured to Cedars Park as part of their topic work, **swimming classes have been taking place for pupils in Year 5** and the Bikeability team have been on site this week, supporting children with road safety when cycling. Well-done to all children for the excellent engagement shown in all of these opportunities!

Our **girls' football team this week played in the Spelthorne 5 tournament**. Pupils showed great skills and we could not be more proud of their sporting endeavours.

Thank-you to all families who were able to attend the **Pastoral Coffee Morning this week**. If you would like more information following this event, including information about community support for families, please do speak with one of the Pastoral team.

Last year we launched **Class Dojo as our new communication and pupil rewards platform**. Thank-you to all families for signing up to the app. If you receive a notification to upgrade at a cost, please do not feel that you need to. The free app will provide you with the functionality to you need to receive messages.

Over the last **5 years we have invested heavily in reading books for children, knowing the difference that regular reading makes to their overall development**. However, **many books have not been returned to school** and we are becoming **desperately short of what is needed for every child**. Please could I ask that you search at home for any reading books, bringing them into school. There will be a table set up at the front of school next week for any books brought in. Thank-you so much for your support in this.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd October

Safer Internet Workshop,
3.30pm

Tuesday 4th October

Year 1 Family Learning
afternoon, 2.00pm

Wednesday 5th October

Year 6 Family Learning
afternoon, 2.00pm

Friday 7th October

Prospective Parents Open
Morning, 9.30am

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Mufti Day – GLF 10th
Birthday

English at Springfield

Building up fine motor skills will really support your child's pencil grip and handwriting. Below are some suggested activities you may wish to use at home to support this:

Fine motor skills:

- Threading (beads, shapes, buttons, cotton reels)
- Tweezers
- Pipettes
- Interlocking cubes and shapes
- Nuts and bolts
- Tennis ball with slit for 'mouth' – squeeze and then they can 'feed' pom-poms into the mouth. To extend this, they could pick up the pom-poms with tweezers
- Playdough and putty
- Open and closing activities, for example using pegs
- Cutting lines or designs on paper. The photo below, shows examples of loop scissors which can be a helpful alternative to scissors you may have at home



Developing your child's pencil grip:
· Use a bulldog clip



Hold a small object, for example a peg with two fingers.



Use the pinch and flip trick.



Maths at Springfield

Multiplication

Once children have mastered place value to 100, and learn to count in steps of 2, 5 and 10, they are ready to start multiplication. Multiplication follows on naturally from counting in steps of different sizes.

When children first learn multiplication, the learning is linked to addition, which they are already very familiar with. So $2 + 2 + 2 + 2$ becomes 2 four times or 2×4 (or 4×2).

Once children have understood what multiplication is, they are then ready to start learning their tables, learning to multiply by one or two digit numbers, and then applying their knowledge to solve problems.

During the later stages of primary maths, they are ready to start multiplying decimals.

Awards

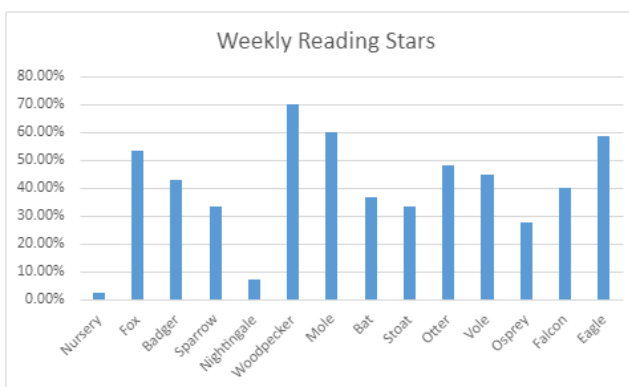
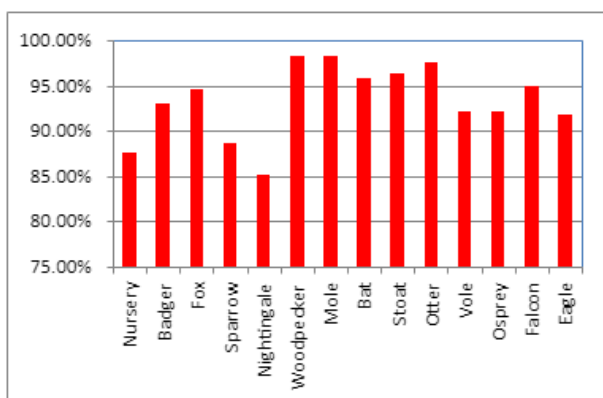
This week's **Lead Learners** were celebrated today, the focus being **'Good sportsmanship'**:

Sparrow	- David	Stoat	- George
Nightingale	- Frankie	Otter	- Poppy
Woodpecker	- Noah	Vole	- Savannah
Mole	- Rebecca	Osprey	- Noah
Bat	- Elliot	Eagle	- Archie
		Falcon	- Isla



This week's **Super Citizens** were celebrated today, the focus was **'Caring about other children's feelings'**:

Sparrow	- Ellie-Rose	Stoat	- Photizo
Nightingale	- Eva	Otter	- Lyla
Woodpecker	- Olivia	Vole	- Phoebe
Mole	- Lewis	Osprey	- Isha
Bat	- Oliver	Eagle	- Heidi
		Falcon	- Maria



Attendance – Winners of the attendance cup for the week commencing 19th September:

EYFS/KS1: Woodpecker and Mole – 98.3%

KS2: Otter – 97.6%

Reading Raffle:

The winners of the reading raffle week commencing 19th September are: Woodpecker class

TT Rockstars – Our top 3 TT Rockstars with the most improved in accuracy are Oliver (Y3), Jack (Y3) and Tisha (Y3)

Numbots – Our top 3 Numbots Stars with the most correct answers are Olivia (Y2), Mustafa (Y3) and India (Y2)

- Mustafa achieved Titanium level
- Olivia achieved Rust level

Housepoint winners – 1st place Pine – 217, 2nd place Beech – 194, 3rd place Willow – 190 and 4th place Chestnut - 169

The focus for Lead Learner next week is, Creative writing.

The focus for Super Citizen next week is, Working well with others.

Home Learning

Year 3 have created some amazing home learning; well-done!



Sport

Yesterday we attended the girls' Years 5&6 football tournament at Egham with all the local schools. This was some of our children's first ever time representing the school and we could not be prouder in what they achieved. There were some great performances throughout.

Isla finished top goal scorer with 8 goals and this could have been more after hitting the post on numerous occasions. The determination our girls showed was unbelievable and they deserved their 4th place finish.

Well-done to Victoria, Chloe, Isla, Lola and Poppy.

Trip to Cedars Park

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We went to Cedars Park to look at how forces are used in playground equipment. We noticed that we needed to push or pull most equipment to use it. However, gravity could pull us down the slide without us pushing off.



Harvest Festival - Donations

Over the last few years, we have had the pleasure of St Saviour's Church visiting our school during the Harvest Festival period to provide a whole school assembly and to share in discussion about what Harvest Festival is and why we celebrate at this time of year. Each year we have gratefully received kind food donations from families which have been distributed within the local community. This year, please could donations be placed on the table at the front of the main entrance the week commencing Monday 3rd October until Wednesday 12th October. All donations will go directly to the Community Foodbank.