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A note from the Headteacher

Dear all,

All things Christmas have come to Springfield this week. It was wonderful to hear the pupils sing in the **Christmas concerts** this week and I hope you enjoyed watching these via the website. **Father Christmas** took some time out of his very busy schedule to see the children in EYFS and KS1 and deliver gifts, with children in KS2 fiercely competing to win in the **Christmas Gameshow Quiz**. Within all of this, the school extends huge thanks to the **PTA** for their exceptional work this term, culminating bringing the **pantomime** into school on Wednesday; it was enjoyed by all!

On Thursday Year 4 took part in a virtual **STEM day**, relishing the opportunity to learn more about science and engineering. Thank-you to Miss Seagrove for supporting this event and well-done children for great participation!

As we look forward to 2021, we have a **new exciting development on the horizon**, with the launch of the **new school newspaper**. Miss Seagrove and the Year 5 Newspaper team will be launching **The Springfield Express**. The children each had to apply for their place on the team and are extremely excited to begin the new project. The Newspaper team will meet weekly after school to research, interview, edit and publish. They have already begun designing and planning the first edition and each issue will feature a meet the teacher section, craft ideas, recipes, book and film recommendations, a culture corner and competitions. The team are looking into sharing local news and reporting back on events that happen within school. We are very excited to release our first ever pupil led newspaper and establish regular features that the children will look forward to reading!

Following my last letter regarding Covid-19 guidance for schools, if you need to make contact with the school up until 24th December to report a case of the virus, please do so via this email: covid@springfield.surrey.sch.uk. This inbox will be checked daily by the Senior Leadership and Office teams.

Looking back on this term, with all that pupils have achieved, **thank-you so much for your unfaltering support of the school**, coming together with staff in creating a school that we can be **incredibly proud of in every regard**.

I wish you a good Christmas with your families and look forward to what 2021 brings for our community.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher



Dates for your diary

Monday 4th January

Spring Term starts – all children in school

Tuesday 5th January

Year 3 Bat Class local area walk

Thursday 7th January

Year 3 Stoa Class local area walk

Thursday 7th January

Year 6 Boosters start 3.30pm-4.30pm

Dates for Nursery Return:

Monday 4th January

Hedgehogs and Squirrels staggered intake 9.00am – 12.30pm (includes lunch)

Tuesday 5th January

Hedgehogs and Squirrels staggered intake 9.00am-12.30pm (includes lunch)

Wednesday 6th January

Hedgehogs and Squirrels staggered intake 9.00am – 11.30am

Owls staggered intake 12.30pm – 3.00pm

Thursday 7th January

Squirrels and Owls staggered intake 9.00am – 12.30pm (includes lunch)

Friday 8th January

Nursery Squirrels and Owls staggered intake 9.00am – 12.30pm (including lunch)

School Dinners:

The school menu for when children return in January will be **Week 1** for ordering school dinners.

English at Springfield

Christmas is a magical time that you can really capture children's interest in learning. Here are some great Christmas reading and writing activities you could try at home with your child over the holidays.

1. A Christmas Poem

Get your child to brainstorm things that remind them of Christmas. Encourage them to think about items, animals, foods, activities and emotions (for example, excitement, surprise, happiness). Once they have thought up a good list of Christmas-related things, help them compose a two-verse poem, verse one beginning with the words, "It's Christmas outside when..." followed by some descriptive sentences, and the second verse beginning with, "It's Christmas at home when..." followed by more sentences.

2. Create a Christmas Scrapbook

Flip through newspapers, catalogues and magazines together and find things that remind them of Christmas to paste into a Christmas scrapbook. They can add their own drawings and family photos too! Get your child to label each of the things they have included in their scrapbook and encourage them to use adjectives and conjunctions (and, but, because) to extend their sentences

3. Write to Santa

Let your child practise their letter-writing skills by reviving this traditional Christmas pastime! Get your child to draft a wish list in proper letterform, complete with a date, paragraphs, closing note and a signature. You can even get them to personalise the letter with information about themselves, explaining how good they have been in the past year.

4. Santa Claus Alliteration

Alliteration is the repetition of the same sounds or the same kinds of sounds at the beginning of words, a common feature in tongue twisters (e.g. Peter's piglet pranced proudly). Ask your child to divide a piece of paper into three sections lengthwise. In the first column, write the heading, "What Santa looks like," in the second write, "What Santa does" and in the third, "What Santa likes." Brainstorm some descriptions for each column and work together with your child to come up with some silly, fun and nonsensical words that begin with the same letter or sound (for example, Santa sometimes steals soft socks to step into snowy streets).

5. Santa Claus Adjectives

Imagine that you and your child have to explain who Santa Claus is to an alien! Encourage them to think of as many adjectives (describing words) as they can and get them to write a list of words to explain who Santa Claus is. Discuss what an adjective means with your child first and ask them to point out examples in a paragraph or storybook beforehand.

6. Christmas related stories

Read different stories over the holiday period relating to Christmas, this is a great way to get your child excited and ready for Christmas day (if they need any more encouragement!).

Home Learning Stars

Santino in Year 5 did some amazing home learning. He produced a fact sheet all about Space. Well done Santino!



Sports News

Your child will be able to access the P.E. Class (Class code: **fypb5rv**) set up on Google Classroom (<https://classroom.google.com/h>) using the email address they use in school.

Our focus this week is for EYFS and KS1 and is based on throwing and catching a big ball.

Lead Learner and Super Citizen

This week's Lead Learners were celebrated today, the focus being 'demonstrating great communication skills':

Sparrow - Charlotte	Stoat - Marli
Nightingale - Ava	Otter - Blake
Woodpecker - Samia	Buzzard - Mylo
Mole - Bella	Osprey - Jack
Bat - Dylan	Eagle - Arthur
	Falcon - Daniel

This week's Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being 'being a good role model for behaviour':

Sparrow - Liberty	Stoat - Julia
Nightingale - Molly	Otter - Phoebe
Woodpecker - Louisa	Buzzard - Peter
Mole - Adya	Osprey - Yohan
Bat - Elannah-Starr	Eagle - Sofia
	Falcon - Rex

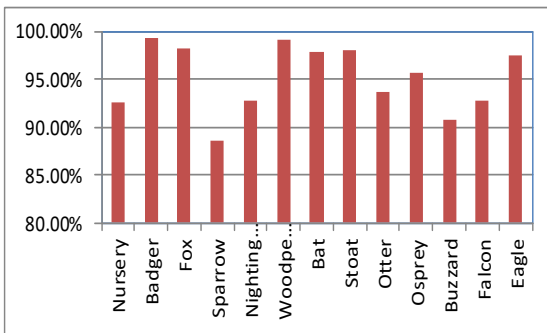
Our Nursery Kings and Queens for this week are:

Fox Class: King- Rusty	Queen- Jessica
Badger Class: King- Alfie	Queen- Lilly-May
Hedgehog Class: King- Kyle	Queen- Lillian
Squirrel Class: King- Vincent	Queen- Brooke
Owl Class: King- Sebastian	Queen- Sherlyse



Awards

Attendance



Attendance – Winners of the attendance cup for last week are:-
 EYFS & KS1: Badger class – 99.3%
 KS2: Stoat class – 98%

TT Rockstars – Eagle class and Falcon class are joint winners with 100%. Our top 3 TT Rockstars with the most improved in accuracy are Preston Y4, Toby Y5 and Harry Y6.

Numbots – Mole class are at the top of this week's leader board. Our top 3 Numbots Stars with the most accurate answers are Charlotte Y1, Matthew Y2 and Prem Y2. Prem also completed his Iron and Tin levels. Well done all!

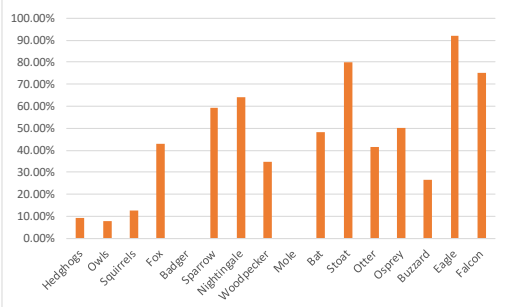
Reading Stars – Eagle class with 92%

Oracy Champion – Layan from Woodpecker class read about facts on castles, based on the topic 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'. She explained what castles are, where they are built and what they are made of.

Elijah from Bat class spoke about the topic 'Gods and Mortals' and the features of myths and legends.

Times Table Grids – the half-term winner of the times table grids are Buzzard class.

Weekly Reading Stars



Year 4 Glider Challenge Day

Year 4 took part in a RAF Glider Challenge Day. Otter class were part of a live-streamed event in which the RAF provided resources. They learnt lots of information about the RAF and gliders; they looked at wing shapes, tail shapes and the forces that impact flying.

Otter class worked in pairs to design and create three different gliders and ventured outside in the afternoon to fly their inventions and measure the distance and speed they travelled at. The class thoroughly enjoyed the event.



Christmas Panto and Father Christmas Visit

The children had a fun week enjoying Christmas activities including the after school panto and Father Christmas visit.

