

Springfield Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

Despite the torrential weather at times this week, **Year 4 have begun their Forest School programme.** Ms Stollery is leading outdoor learning, ably supported by Mr Asbridge and class teachers. Information will be shared within the newsletter and on the website, so that families can see what the children will be learning. Each year group will have a Forest School course with the aim of helping them to learn in different ways and to support their well-being.



The half-term has begun on a sporting note, with **Pupils Vs Staff sports** today. The mighty **Sparrow Class, captained by Miss Wall**, fearlessly took on staff, showing them exactly how dodgeball should be played. Well-done children for such sporting determination!

On the note of sport, Mr Baker reliably informs me that a **World Cup is on its way.** To mark the importance of this for the children, as a key part of British culture, pupils will have an opportunity to watch the first England match on **21st November at 1.00pm in school.** Children will be allowed to bring in a football t-shirt (of any club) in their bags to wear whilst watching the match, if they would like to.



Boys in **Years 5 and 6 are playing a football fixture** today against Hawkedale; we wish them all the very best in this.

Thank-you to our **hard-working PTA**, who straight on the back of the firework event, have been busy organising the pumpkin competition which the children have really enjoyed.



If you know of families seeking a place in Springfield, our next **Open Morning is 10th November at 9.30am** and all are very welcome to attend.

I wish all a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 8th November

Parents' Evening (in school)
4.00pm-7.00pm

Wednesday 9th November

Parents' Evening (virtual)
3.45pm-6.05pm

Thursday 10th November

Prospective parents Open
Morning, 9.30am

Monday 14th November

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 14th November

Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 15th November

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Flu Immunisations Year R to
Year 6

Thursday 17th November

Children in Need mufti day

Friday 18th November

INSET day

English at Springfield

Well-done to Sargam for writing a fantastic poem all about a Cheetah, she was lucky enough to have her work published, after entering one of the competitions we advertised in our newsletter. To celebrate her achievements she received a certificate, stickers and a bookmark from Young Writers.

As displayed by Sargam, the next writing competition pupils are invited to be part of is The Magic Door experience, if your child would like to take part, please collect an entry form from the school office.



Maths at Springfield

What is mental maths?

Mental maths is the ability to work out calculations of all sorts in your head (not just addition sums). It means being able to give an answer to a question without having to write down every step of the calculation, although making the odd note is acceptable.

Good mental maths skills in primary school generally show that a child has grasped what numbers represent, can spot patterns, and has developed excellent fluency and recall.

What are mental strategies in maths?

Mental strategies in maths are accepted ways of working maths out in your head that help us to take shortcuts and get to the correct answer in an efficient way.




Why are mental maths strategies important?

Mental strategies are the foundations for most of the areas of mathematics that use numbers. Without efficient mental strategies, children can often struggle to quickly and fluently calculate. It is also worth noting that mental strategies are also the foundation of any written or formal method in mathematics. Added to this, it is one of the factors that the national assessments are trying to assess. So please ask your children about their number bonds to 10, 20, 50 and 100, depending on the school year and for Key Stage 2 children, please ask your child some times table questions.

PTA Events

Please follow the link below for information on upcoming PTA events.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springfield-school-pta>

Upcoming Events	
	Christmas Fair Springfield Primary School Sunbury on Thames Wed 7 Dec 2022, 9:00AM - Thu 8 Dec 2022, 3:00PM
	Santa's Grotto Springfield Primary School Sunbury on Thames Wed 7 Dec 2022, 9:00AM - Thu 8 Dec 2022, 9:00PM
	Childrens Pantomime Springfield Primary School Sunbury on Thames Wed 14 Dec 2022, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. It will take place from 14th to 18th November and has the theme Reach Out. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. During English lessons, children will study a book relevant to this subject; in the afternoons, they will complete anti-bullying activities.



Awards

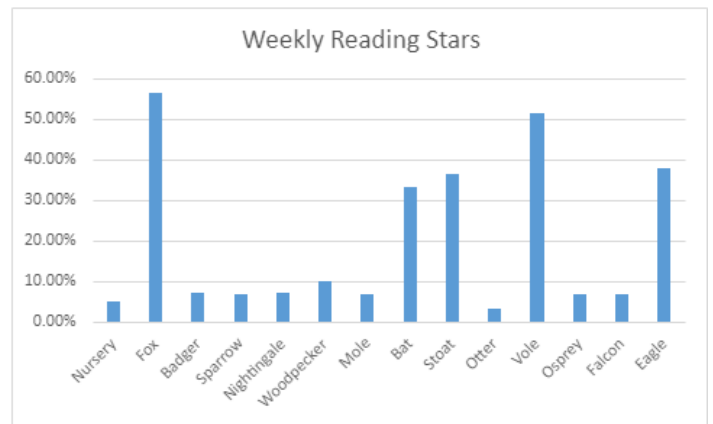
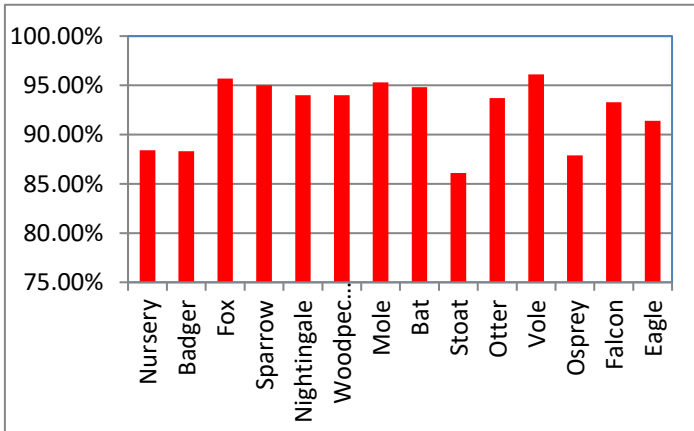
This week's **Lead Learners** were celebrated today, the focus being **'Responding to marking in green pen'**:

Sparrow	- Ellie-Rose	Stoat	- Molly
Nightingale	- Luke	Otter	- Cody
Woodpecker	- Quinn	Vole	- Zahra
Mole	- Sargam	Osprey	- Isha
Bat	- Yugdeep	Eagle	- Ruby-Raine
		Falcon	- Ridley



This week's **Super Citizens** were celebrated today, the focus was **'Respecting other children's differences'**:

Sparrow	- Yuugesh	Stoat	- Freddie
Nightingale	- Julia	Otter	- Kai
Woodpecker	- Freddie	Vole	- Lincoln
Mole	- Freddie	Osprey	- Joshua
Bat	- Mehmet	Eagle	- Johnpaul
		Falcon	- Lucas



Attendance – Winners of the attendance cup for the week commencing 17th October:

EYFS/KS1: Mole – 95.7%

KS2: Vole – 96.1%

Reading Raffle:

The winners of the reading raffle week commencing 17th October: Fox Class

TT Rockstars – Our top 3 TT Rockstars with the most improved in accuracy are Elsie (Y4), Phoebe (Y4) and Timothy (Y6)

Numbots – Our top 3 Numbots Stars with the most correct answers are Lucas (Y2), Ethan (Y2) and Laila (Y2)

- Ethan achieved Copper level
- Lucas achieved Brass level
- Mustafa achieved Gold level
- Yuugesh achieved Chrome level
- Noah achieved Steel level
- Adelina achieved Rust level

Walk2School Winner - Mole Class

Housepoint winners – 1st place Beech – 195, 2nd place Pine – 180, 3rd place Willow – 177 and 4th place Chestnut – 158

The focus for the next Lead Learner is, Excellent spelling.

The focus for the next Super Citizen, Including others in work and play.

Reception Stars of the Week:

Badger Class: Michael and Isabel

Fox Class: Erin and Millie B



Home Learning

Well-done children for your fantastic home learning this week.

