



Reading

This half term, we will be focusing on the following key areas:

- Introduction to key reading skills (retrieval, vocabulary, prediction, inference, summary, linking, author's viewpoint)
- Walkthrough Wednesday - answering questions together, increasing fluency and discussing strategy
- Choral reading - exploring the texts of Anthony Horowitz
- 10 minute reading comprehension tests

How You Can Help Your Child in Reading

- Listen to your child read 4 times a week and complete their reading diary
- Introduce a variety of text types to your child e.g. newspapers, magazines, online articles, recipes etc.
- Listen to audiobooks with your child and encourage discussion

Writing

This half term, we will be focusing on the following key areas:

- How to plan, write and edit a description of a monster
- Conducting an author study, focusing on language and exploring character and style
- Recapping types of nouns
- Using synonyms and antonyms to describe
- Consolidating knowledge of determiners
- Describing using expanded noun phrases
- Spelling of topic words linked to contemporary music
- Spelling of Year 5/6 statutory words
- Spelling of plural and possessive nouns
- Spelling of prefixes (un-, dis- & anti-)
- Recapping spelling of contractions
- Spelling of words with -able & -ible endings

How You Can Help Your Child in Writing

- Encourage your child to speak in full sentences about their day at school, using the past tense
- Practise spelling of Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 statutory words
- Encourage completion of SpellZone homework
- Play games such as Scrabble or Boggle which encourage spelling
- Ask your child to write for different purposes
- Discuss new vocabulary when it arises including context and promoting discussion about language



Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on the following key areas:

Place Value:

- Numbers to 1,000,000
- Numbers to 10,000,000
- Read and write numbers to 10,000,000
- Powers of 10
- Number line to 10,000,000
- Compare and order any integers
- Round any integer
- Negative numbers

Addition and Subtraction:

- Add and subtract integers
- Common factors and multiples
- Primes to 100
- Square and cube numbers
- Solve problems multiplying up to a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number
- Solve problems and complete short and long division (including with remainders)
- Division using factors
- Solve multi-step problems
- Order of operations
- Mental calculations and estimation

How You Can Help Your Child in Maths

- Generating written questions in line with the above statements
- Children to calculate shopping lists and other bills to improve arithmetic ability
- BBC Bitesize resources and videos
- Look to the Springfield Primary School Mathematics policy and knowledge organisers (Available here: <https://springfield-pri.essex.sch.uk/curriculum/maths/>)
- Sumdog online
- TTRS Studio and Garage