



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

Reading

- Developing of key reading skills using short text extracts (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 Tom McLaughlin
- 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

- How to plan, write and edit a recount from the viewpoint of a character
- Using figurative language techniques (SHAMPOO) to write descriptions of setting and atmosphere
- Conducting an author study, focusing on language and exploring character and style
- Recapping present and past tenses inc. progressive and perfect tenses
- Using commas to clarify meaning
- Consolidating knowledge of possessive pronouns
- Recapping the possessive apostrophe
- Using pronouns for cohesion
- Spelling of topic words linked to rivers
- Spelling of Year 5/6 statutory words
- Spelling of -ous & -ious words
- Spelling of words ending -ant & -ent
- Recapping spelling of words with silent letters
- Spelling of words with the prefixes re-, pre- and sub-

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

Decimals:

- Place value within 1
- Place value – integers and decimals
- Round decimals
- Add and subtract decimals
- Multiply by 10, 100 and 1,000
- Divide by 10, 100 and 1,000
- Multiply decimals by integers
- Divide decimals by integers
- Multiply and divide decimals in context

Fractions, decimals and percentages:

- Decimal and fraction equivalents
- Understand percentages
- Fractions to percentages
- Equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages
- Order fractions, decimals and percentages
- Finding a percentage of an amount

Ratio:

- Use ratio language
- Introduction to the ratio symbol
- Ratio and fractions
- Scale drawing
- Use scale factors
- Similar shapes
- Ratio problems
- Proportion problems

How You Can Help Your Child in Maths

- BBC Bitesize resources and videos for detailed breakdown and quizzes
- Generating written questions in line with the above statements
- Look to the Springfield Primary School Mathematics policy and knowledge organisers (Available here: <https://springfield-pri.essex.sch.uk/curriculum/mathss/>)
- Sumdog online
- TTRS Studio, Garage and Soundcheck
- Multiplication and division flashcards
- Optional purchase of CGP KS2 Maths SATS Question book/SATS Arithmetic Buster book/SATS Maths 10 Minute Test book