



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 William Shakespeare
- 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 suspense story
- Conducting an author study, focusing on language and exploring character and style
- Recapping co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions
- Using subordinate clauses
- Using parenthesis to include extra information
- Recapping relative pronouns
- Spelling of topic words linked to light and electricity
- Spelling of Year 5/6 statutory words
- Spelling of -sure & -ture words
- Recapping spelling of words with split digraphs

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 (on the school website)
- 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:

Arithmetic

- Consolidation of knowledge in four core operations, fractions, decimals and percentages

Area and Perimeter

- Area of a triangle including a right-angled triangle
- Area of a parallelogram
- Volume of a cuboid

Geometry

Shape and Angles

- Measure and classify angles
- Calculate angles including an understanding of vertically opposite angles
- Angles in a triangle including exceptions and calculating missing angles
- Angles in quadrilaterals
- Angles in polygons
- The properties and angles of a circle
- Drawing shapes accurately
- Nets of 3-D shapes

Position and Direction

- Read and plot points in four quadrants
- Solve problems with coordinates
- Translations
- Reflections

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/>)
- Completing Sumdog reasoning homework in the above areas and additional set tasks
- TTRS Studio and Garage