



Reading

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

SATS support and preparation

- Use of key reading skills to answer test-style questions based on a text.
 - SATs papers from previous years
 - Shorter extracts linked to specific reading skills
 - Walk-through Wednesday comprehensions

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:

SATS support and preparation

- Test Practice (Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling)
 - SATs papers from previous years
 - Targeted test-style questions
- Recapping curriculum taught so far

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:

Position and Direction

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

SATS support and preparation

- Past paper style reasoning questions to clarify and consolidate test strategy
- Personalised consolidation based on knowledge gaps identified in previous mock SATs
- Consolidation of all key areas covered for Y6/ KS2
- Consolidation of RUCSAC test strategy to confidently answer reasoning questions

How You Can Help Your Child in Maths

- Complete the questions and activities provided by class teacher over the Spring half term break
- Discuss mock SATs brought home and look at any questions your child may have got incorrect to address gaps
- Purchase of *CGP KS2 Maths SAT Buster 10-Minute Tests*, *CGP KS2 Maths Year 6 SATS Practice Papers* books. (Available at: <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk>)
- Look to the Springfield Primary School Mathematics policy and knowledge organisers. (Available at: <https://springfield-pri.essex.sch.uk/curriculum/maths/>)
- Mindfulness activities to support your child's wellbeing, building their confidence and aiding their resilience in test situations. (App download available at: <https://myhappymind.org/>)