



Reading

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

- 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 classic texts
- 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 an advertisement
- Recapping standard English
- Using formal language
- Using the subjunctive form
- Recapping the passive voice
- Using organisational devices
- Spelling of topic words linked to light and electricity
- Spelling of Year 5/6 statutory words
- Spelling of words ending -ge and -dge
- Spelling of hyphenated words
- Recapping spelling of words ending -le

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:

- Two-step problem solving activities
- Distance conversion graphs
- Budgeting and money
- Themed problem-solving projects to build resilience in maths over time
- Converting and following measurements for recipes
- Consolidating previously taught arithmetic skills
- Consolidating algebra as a unit and applying these skills to transitional activities in preparation for Y7

How You Can Help Your Child in Maths

- Look to the Springfield Primary School Mathematics policy and knowledge organisers. (Available at: <https://springfield-pri.essex.sch.uk/curriculum/maths/>)
- Encourage completion of Sumdog and TTRS homework
- Looking at real life problems which require arithmetic calculation e.g. budgeting at home, shopping bills etc.
- Visit the Natwest 'Financial Literacy for Kids: *Teaching Kids About Money*' page to support your child in building their financial literacy skills. (Available at: <https://www.natwest.com/life-moments/teaching-kids-about-money.html>)