

SPINFIELD SCHOOL
Year 1 Summer Term 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term!

Important information

The email address for Year 1 is: Year1@spinfieldschool.co.uk

Please use the email address for the following:

- ✓ Arranging an appointment with your child's class teacher. Appointments will be conducted by telephone calls at a mutually convenient time.
- ✓ Queries regarding homework or spellings
- ✓ 'Time to Talk' presentation

Please note that information regarding absences must still be communicated via the school office, via a phone message. The above email address will be monitored daily during working hours.

We have planned a careful balance of hard work and great fun this term and we are sure it will be enjoyable and rewarding for all of us. Below is an outline of what your child will be learning this term.

Subject	1 st half term	2 nd half term
English	<p>Fiction: Children will be exploring Jack and the Beanstalk and the Enormous Turnip. They will be looking at letter writing and write their own letters to the giant.</p> <p>Non fiction:They will be exploring non fiction books and keeping a plant diary.</p>	<p>Non-fiction: Children will be looking at newspaper articles. They will write their own articles about Neil Armstrong or Christopher Columbus including features such as reported speech and headlines. We will also be looking at persuasive texts and writing letters to persuade people to eat healthily, which links to our DT.</p> <p>Phonic focus: We will revise all the phase 3, 4 and 5 sounds and work on suffixes, prefixes and contractions.</p>
Maths	<p>Multiplication and Division - answer multiplication questions using objects, pictures and other equipment (multiples of 2,5 and 10 included).</p> <p>Fractions - find and name $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of an object, shape or amount.</p> <p>Geometry - describe position, direction and movement, including whole, half, quarter and three quarters.</p>	<p>Number and Place Value - Count to and across 100, forwards and backwards beginning with) or 1 or from any given number. Count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals.</p> <p>Measurement - recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes.</p> <p>Time - Tell the time to the hour and half past the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times.</p>
Science	<p>Plants –Children will investigate different aspects of plants, including different categories of plants, the names of the parts of a plant, how gardens differ around the world and plants we use for food.</p>	<p>Plants -observe and grow plants and seeds.</p> <p>Weather and seasons- observations about summer and changes from spring.</p> <p>Life cycles-exploring the life cycle of a butterfly</p>

Computing	Animated storybooks - Children will be introduced to e-books. They will then begin to make their own e-book using animation, voice recording and music they have created and adding backgrounds.	Spreadsheets – Children will be introduced to spread sheets and will have the opportunity to navigate around them. They will then begin to add images to their spread sheet and use the ‘speak’ and ‘count’ tools to count items.
Humanities	<p>Geography</p> <p>Our school - Children will explore their school environment using first hand observation and experience to enhance their awareness, along with essential map skills and fieldwork.</p> <p>History</p> <p>Explorers: Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus – Children will look into two famous explorers, finding out what they achieved in their lifetimes.</p>	
Art / DT	<p>Design and Technology</p> <p>Sculpture: The children will have the opportunity to learn about different kinds of nature sculptures and to explore the work of Andy Goldsworthy and other environmental artists.</p>	<p>Design and Technology</p> <p>Food Technology: The children will be preparing fruit and vegetables. Children will be designing, making, tasting, evaluating and improving products of their choice.</p>
PE	Football – This term we are very excited that Adam Davis will be taking our football sessions every Tuesday morning.	Athletics - The children will also be taking part in athletics. They will engage in activities such as running, jumping, throwing and of course getting ready for Sports Day!
Music/Drama	Responding to music – This term the children will be learning to find the pitch, copy pitch, create rhythms, follow rhythms and play an instrument as part of the song.	The children will continue with ‘Charanga’ focusing on discriminating between longer and short sounds, and to use them to create interesting sequences of sound.
RE/PSHE	<p>R.E:</p> <p>We will focus on belonging and what groups the children belong to. We will also look at how people show they belong to Christianity.</p>	<p>PSHE:</p> <p>This term the focus will be on relationships. The children will begin to understand themselves and their feelings, learn how to manage their feelings and understand the feelings of others.</p>
French	The children will learn simple words and phrases	The children will learn simple words and phrases

General Organisation:

Absence:

Please ring school on the first day of absence if your child is away. If you have not contacted school by **9.20am**, a member of staff will contact you. You are not required to supply a note if you have contacted the school.

Homework:

We value the support of parents in providing the time, encouragement and suitable environment for the children in which to complete their homework. In setting homework for children, we aim to provide a relevant activity for them to do in which parents may be involved and which can aid their general educational progress. Homework will be set online in most cases. You will be emailed details on a Wednesday and it will need to be completed by Monday morning. Year 1 will be asked to complete their homework and submit it via Google Classroom or Purple Mash (more details to follow).

Year 1 homework is outlined below:

Spellings: tested on Friday

Daily reading: reading books to be selected by your child on a Monday and must be returned (if finished) on a Thursday.

Spellings (set on Monday, test on Friday – To start week beginning 19th April)

English/phonics (online)

Mathematics (online)

Parent volunteers: Please note we are currently unable to welcome any parent volunteers into school but this will be under constant review and we will let you know if the situation changes.

DBS checks

Please note that the school requires parent helpers to hold a current DBS certificate and you will need to sign our confidentiality policy. Volunteers are also required to attend safeguarding training (which will need to be refreshed every 3 years). Training dates will be published in our monthly newsletter. If you have not yet filled out the DBS form and the confidentiality policy please collect them from the office. There will be a voluntary contribution in order for us to process the DBS form. There will be no parent volunteers in school, in accordance with current government guidelines at this time.

All school communication will be via the office email, parentmail or the class email.

Daily organisation:

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day, as well as a snack of fruit or vegetables for the mid-morning break (KS2 only). KS1 children are provided with a fruit or vegetable snack; however they may bring one in from home if this is their preference. Please note, we will not be able to assist your child in peeling, unwrapping, opening their snack.

This term, your child will wear their PE kit on the days that they have PE. Please ensure your child has black tracksuit bottoms, either a school PE hoody or school sweatshirt, their PE t-shirt and trainers. It is imperative that all items of clothing and PE kit are clearly labelled (preferably sewn-on labels). If your child does not have his/her full PE kit (including appropriate socks) they may not be able to take part in the lesson.

Forest School Information: Children will need to bring their school uniform into school to change into after their forest school session. (Thursday morning - week commencing 7th June)

Appropriate Forest School clothing is: Robust trousers, a long sleeved shirt/T shirt, a jumper/fleece, waterproof coat. Please be aware that the clothes may get dirty! Walking boots or wellingtons would also be preferable for footwear. The session will go ahead whatever the weather.

Timetable Information:

PE lessons are on a Tuesday (football) and Wednesday in the first half of the term. When Forest School begins on the 7th June this will be a PE lesson and it will be on a Thursday (not on a Wednesday). If for any reason your child is unable to take part in a PE or games lesson, please provide a note.

Forgotten Items:

Please be aware that if your child forgets something for school, you will only be contacted if it is absolutely necessary, as we are trying to encourage the children's independence. Any calls home will incur a 50 pence charge.

Medicines:

Children must not bring medicines of any kind into school without prior agreement with Miss Spreadbury. A health care form must be completed for any required administration of medication.

Holidays:

The staff and governing body appreciate the decision made by parents not to take children out of school during term time. Where exceptional circumstances occur, a leave of absence form can be collected from Miss Spreadbury who will submit your application to the Governing Body for consideration. If you have travelled to a country that requires you to quarantine on your return, please inform the school as soon as possible.

School Governor Class link:

In order that the school governors can gain closer links with the pupils and staff, we have attached a governor to each of the classes in the school. Our governor is Mrs Eileen Shaw. She will endeavour to make at least one visit to the class during the year and will support the class teachers by working with the children sharing her expertise in a relevant area or accompanying a school visit.

Other Information:

Parent consultations - Week commencing 10th May 2021

Summer term assessments - Week commencing 14th and 21st June

End of year academic reports to be sent home - Friday 9th July

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Shaw, Mrs Broughton and the Year 1 Team