

SPINFIELD SCHOOL

Year Two Spring Term 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term and a Happy New Year to you all!

Please remember that we do have a class email address which can be used for the following:

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

Please note that information regarding absences must still be communicated via the school office, with a phone message. The class email address is generally monitored on a daily basis but please communicate urgent information, such as changes to pick up arrangements to the school office email as well. If these arrangements change on the day, please contact the school office.

This term we are embarking on a topic of Exploration!

To start the topic, our **BIG** question is: **How is India similar and different to the U.K.?**

To finish our topic our end product will be: **The Indian Bollywood party**

Subject	1 st half term	2 nd half term
English	Stories from other cultures: India. "Ganesh Gets Married" and "The Tiger Child". Comprehension, spelling, punctuation and grammar.	Letter and postcard writing; instructions; shape poems; punctuation and grammar, spelling.
Maths	Multiplication and Division; times tables; multiplying using arrays; division by grouping and sharing. Statistics: tally charts, pictograms and block graphs.	Geometry: properties of 2D and 3D shapes; symmetry; counting sides, edges, faces and vertices. Fractions: halves, quarters and thirds; finding equivalence; fractions of amounts.
Science	Materials: their properties and uses. Links to recycling and the environment	Materials: their properties and uses. Working scientifically learning how to be an inventor.
Computing	Using Spreadsheets 2Questioning – using yes/no questioning and programming On line safety	Creating databases using maths Creating pictures and digital images showing repeating patterns linked to Indian topic. On line safety
Humanities	Geography: Introduction to India – the people, country, traditions and culture. Climates, physical and human features of the country.	U.K. locational knowledge. Comparing Britain and India: investigate key figures – Mother Teresa and Mary Seacole. Comparing local area with area in India.
Art/DT	Art from India: Rangoli patterns; henna hands; decorating elephants.	Designing, producing and evaluating: Clay Diva lamps; Indian food.
PE	Multisports (AJD) Indian Dance	Multisports (AJD) Send and Return – simple racquet sports
Music	Exploring pitch and rhythm. Charanga: "I Wanna Play in a Band" Understanding musical genres.	Exploring instruments and rhythm. Charanga: "Zootime". Understanding musical genres.

RE/PSHE	Important people: What their roles are and how they contribute to society. Faiths of India “Going for Goals”	Easter and Shrove Tuesday. Forest School “Good to be me”
French	Speaking with confidence focusing on greetings; revision of vocabulary and numbers 1 – 20	Speaking with confidence focusing on greetings, colours, body parts and animals

To enhance the children’s learning this term, they will be enjoying an Indian experience morning as well as virtually meeting exotic animals from the Jungle Book and other tales from Indian folklore.

General Organisation:

Absence:

Please ring school every day if your child is absent, unless you have previously notified us of a return date. 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 on a Wednesday and will need to be returned to school on a Monday morning.

Homework is outlined below:

Year 2 will be asked to completed their homework and submitting it via Google Classroom or Purple Mash.

Year 2 homework is outlined below:

Spellings: tested on Wednesday

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

English

Mathematics

Additional homework tasks include:

Wordshark

Doodle Maths

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

When we are able to invite volunteers into school, please note that the school requires all volunteers to hold a current DBS certificate and you will need to sign our confidentiality agreement. 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 agreement, please collect them from the office. There will be a voluntary contribution of £15.00 to cover costs incurred to process the DBS application.

Daily organisation:

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. 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.

It is essential that children have a warm coat to wear during the morning break and lunch hour. 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. Please feel free to instruct your child to bring kit home to be laundered as required, however, please ensure that it is in school on PE days.

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.

Timetable Information:

PE lessons are on a Monday and Tuesday. If for any reason your child is unable to take part in a PE or games lesson, please provide a note.

Library books will be changed on a Thursday. All library books will be collected in during the penultimate week of term.

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.

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. He/she will endeavour to make at least one visit to their class during the term and will support the class teacher by working with the children sharing his/her expertise in a relevant area or accompanying a school visit.

If you wish to discuss the content of this letter or have any other concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the class email address: year2@spinfieldschool.co.uk.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 2 team