26th February

Newsletter

SPINFIELD SCHOOL

Welcome to our February Newsletter. I hope that you all had a restful half term. We are all delighted that the children are coming back to school on Monday 8th March. Please read the information on pages 2 and 3 to understand how school will be organised. If you do have any questions about the return to school on 8th March, we have arranged 2 sessions on Tuesday 2nd or Wednesday 3rd March from 3.30pm – 4.00pm which you may join via a link available on your child's Google Classroom stream. If you have any specific/confidential questions related to your child, please make direct contact with your child's class teacher and s/he will get in touch with you. Please remember that we would love to display a piece of work that your child has completed during the school closure period, so do send something into school for us to display!

Miss Spreadbury

A message from the Chair of Governors, David Hollywood

Spinfield's governing body is made up of up to 14 members, comprising of parents, members of staff and members of the local and wider community. It comprises individuals of varying backgrounds, age and experience

Appointments are entirely voluntary and unpaid and are for a 4 year term.

We are looking for new governors who can bring a wide range of experience, qualifications, interests and skills to the role. More importantly, you will bring enthusiasm and energy and have a real interest in our school. The rewards come from seeing the results of your involvement . We are keen to build a database of people interested in joining the Governing Body so that, when vacancies arise, we can contact them to invite them to stand for the role.

We meet in early evening at least once each term and you would be expected to make class visits too. Some training is required and we are planning to mentor each new governor with an existing governor during the first year. The time commitment should not be underestimated. All governors must have a DBS check.

If you want to find out more about becoming a governor at Spinfield, please contact David Hollywood, our chair, at chairofgovernors@spinfiedschool.co.uk.

Return to School 8th March 2021:

We are delighted that all children will be able to return to school on Monday 8th March. Attendance from this date is mandatory. **The DfE has updated its operational guidance and the document is attached to this email.** To summarise:

- The school will operate as it did in the autumn term.
- This will include a staggered start and end to the day, children working and playing in class bubbles, staggered break and lunchtimes and actions such as wearing PE kits for the whole day on the day of their PE/games lesson and the organisation of reading books will be the same. Please check the school website to view class letters and timetables so that you know which day PE lessons are on for your child/ren. Whilst the DfE guidance states that staff are able to work across bubbles, we will aim to keep this to a minimum.
- School will maintain an enhanced cleaning programme, children will wash and sanitise their hands at regular intervals and sharing of equipment will be kept to a minimum. Please note that the DfE guidance states that classroom based resources, such as books and games, can be used and shared within the bubble.

Classrooms will be set up as they were in the autumn term. In years 2 – 6, children will have 2 children per table and will face the front. In EYFS and year 1, the children will work in consistent groups of 6. For the remainder of the term we will not be able to welcome parent volunteers into school. This will be reviewed in the summer term.

Lunch time:

Lunches will be eaten in the classroom and if you wish to order a school lunch, this will be a packed lunch, not a hot school meal.

Homework:

We truly appreciate the effort that you have put into supporting your child's learning while they have not been in school. We know that many families had to juggle work alongside this. Therefore, for the remainder of the term we will not be setting any homework for the children. We will still send home reading books, and of course you can continue to access the Doodle Apps, but with the evenings drawing out , we feel that being in the garden, going for a walk and enjoying time at home without the need to log on to Google Classroom will be of more benefit to you and your children.

Start and end times to the school day are as follows:

8.40: Family surname A - D

8.45: Family surname E - J

8.50: Family surname K - Q

8.55: Family surname R – Z

Registers will be taken at 9.00am

End of the day:

3.10: Family surname A - D

3.15: Family surname E - J

3.20: Family surname K - Q

3.25: Family surname R – Z

Entry and exit points:

Class:

R	Children's only gate
1	Children's only gate
2	Fire door at the side of the classroom
3	Children's only gate
4	Children's only gate
5	Side gate near the resources room
6	Side gate near the resources room

It is essential that as a community, we maintain the excellent social distancing procedures that were observed in the autumn term in order to keep everyone safe. To that end, we request that one adult only drops off and collects, face coverings are worn at drop off and pick up time and parents maintain a 2 metre distance from each other.

As per the DfE operational guidance, I am required to make you aware of the following:

Where parents are using external childcare providers or out of school extra-curricular activities for their children, you should also advise them to limit their use of multiple out-of-school settings providers, and to only use one out-of-school setting in addition to school as far as possible. Please check providers have put in place their own protective measures.

We have reviewed our Risk Assessments and these will be available for you to view on the school website.

If you have borrowed a laptop, please ensure this is returned on Monday 8th March. Thank you.

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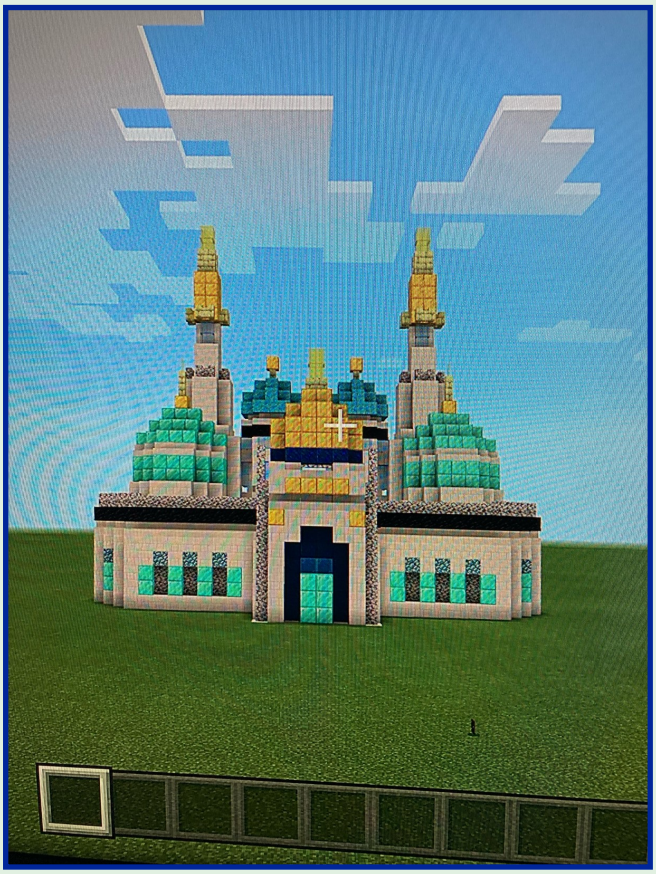
If you have any specific / confidential questions related to your child, please make direct contact with your child's class teacher and s/he will get in touch with you.

Next week, I'll be in touch about dates and events for the remainder of the term.

All of the team at Spinfield is really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school. Please be assured that we will make sure that all of the children feel comfortable, secure and happy about being back. If you do have any concerns, please contact me via the office email and I will be happy to discuss these with you.

Some fantastic Mosque models made by Year 5



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The Minaret where the Imam call the Pray.
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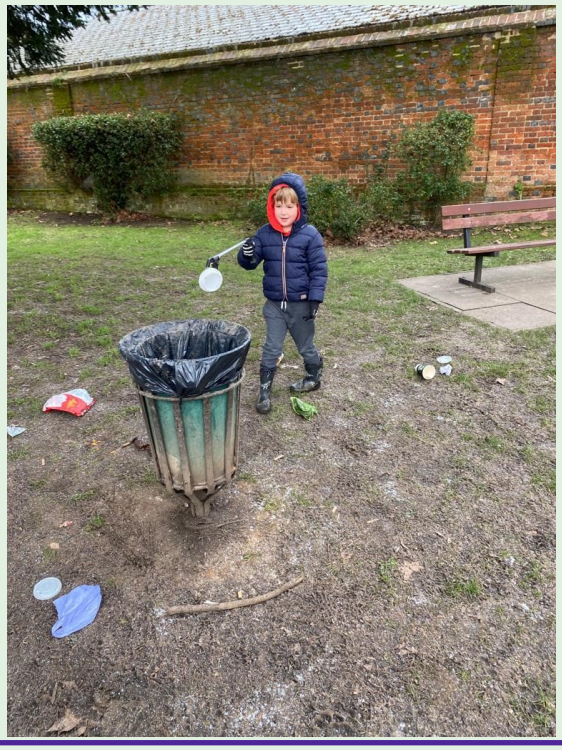
A pool to sybolise water. Islam started in a desert country and so needed water

Eco Shoppers made by the children from our international linked school in Rawalpindi



Some of our wonderful children litter picking in Marlow for the Marlow Wombles!

Womble Litter Pickers

Marlow Wombles invite you to join us in a Womble Spring Clean by picking up a picker!

Help keep Marlow tidy by picking up litter and protect our wildlife.

It's a great activity for families and Lockdown bubbles; it's good fun and can be addictive!

Take a litter picker and make a difference.

Litter pickers available outside different houses in Marlow: 39 Terrington Hill, 35 Mill Road (near the Lock), 40 Newtown Road and 43 The Croft.

Suggested donation of £3 each –

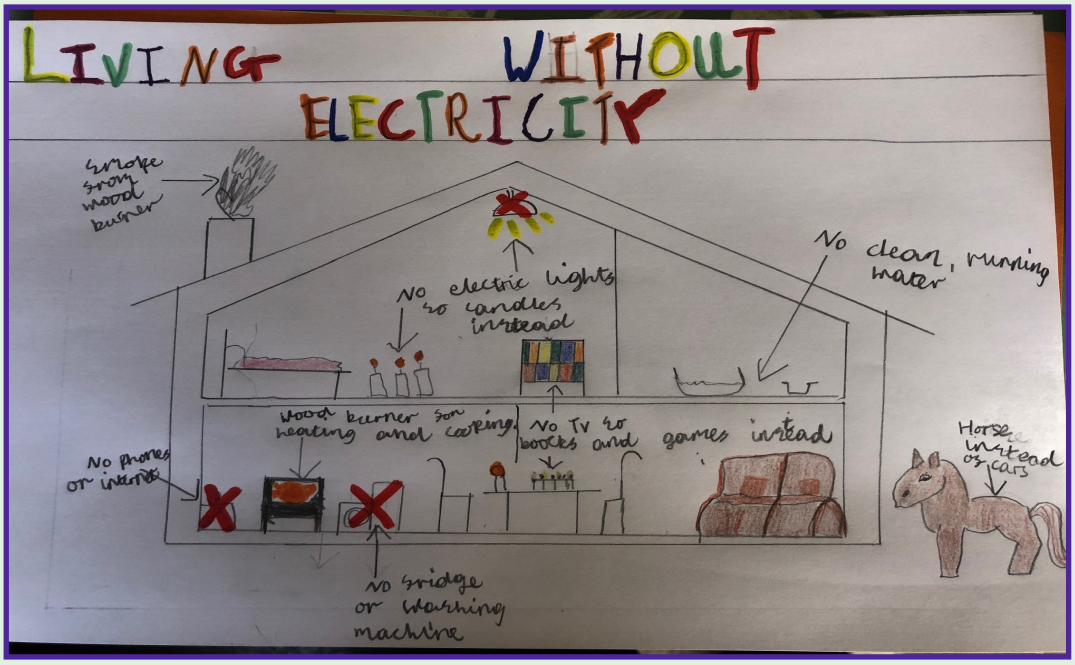
money will go to the Marlow Wombles

Please post pictures on Marlow Wombles Facebook page of yourselves in action!

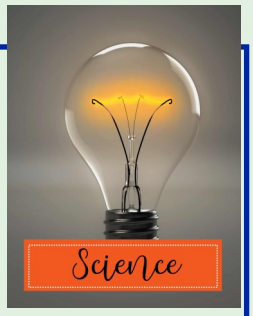
 # lovewhereyoulive

Any questions? Contact Marlow Wombles via our FB page.

Life without Electricity by Jenny in year 4



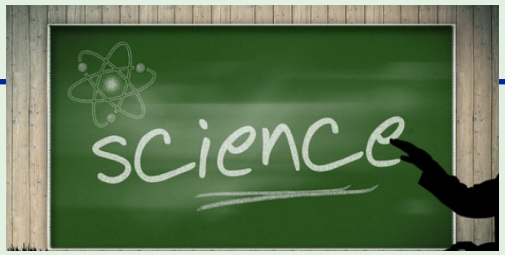
Abby in year 1 comparing heights



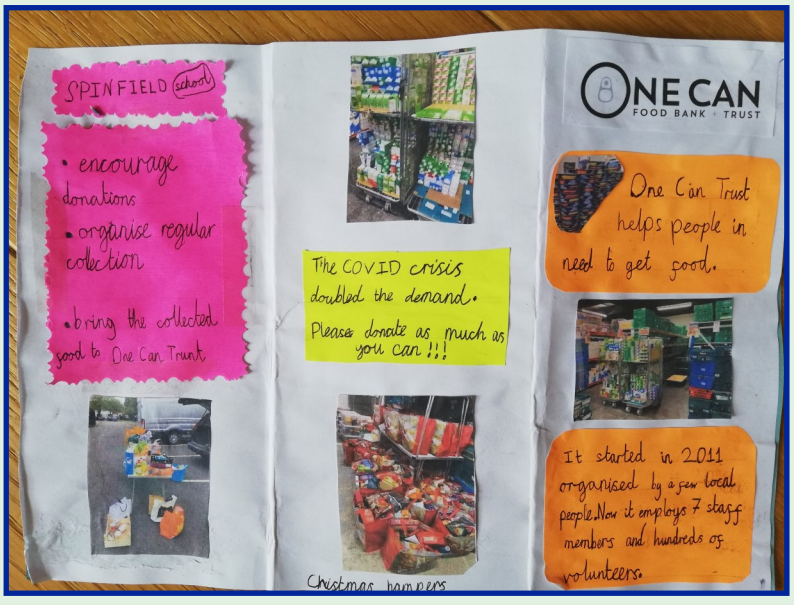
Science Week 8th –12th March 2021

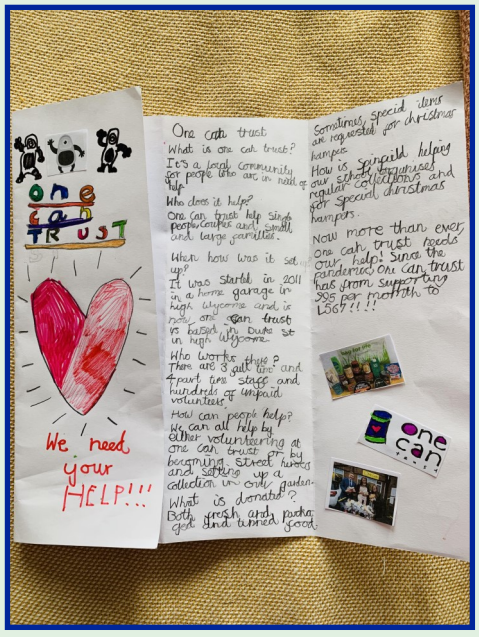
We are looking forward to enjoying lots of exciting activities for science week.

If you or a member of your family is a scientist and would like to make a short video about the work that you do, please post this on your child's Google Classroom.



Year 3 have created fantastic leaflets about the One Can Trust for the ISA project.





One Can Trust

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What is the one can trust?
The One Can Trust is a food bank that helps people who are suffering financially (have very little Money) by providing food parcels each week for as long as they need it.
The food bank provides food for: Single people
Couples
Small families
Large families

1. What One can Trust is and who it helps.

One can trust is a local food bank. It helps people in their local area. The food bank gives the food to people with little Money that can be: Single people who live on their own, couples who live together, Small families and bigger families

2. Who helps it?

There are over 100 volunteers and 5 workers there all the time and 4 workers that aren't there all the time volunteers don't get paid. They help everyday it open.

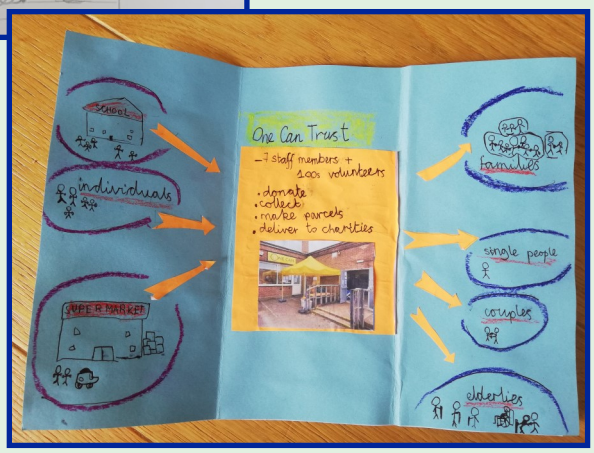
Volunteers prepare fresh food, sort and date all the tins and milk and dry produces, make up the food parcels and deliver to the clients' houses.

3. When and how it was set up.

One Can Trust started back in 2011 when some food cans in a garage. A big group of local people saw people in need for food in High Wycombe so they tried to help. To feed people around the local area.

4. How people can help.

People can help by Making donations to support and encourage yours green and family so they can help too and could tell people about it so they can



ONE CAN TRUST

One can trust is an organisation where you donate food to a company which gives the food to people who don't have any food. One can trusts are all around the globe by 'globe' I don't mean the one that you spin to find different countries I mean the World! One can trust accepts all tinned food like: pineapple, barked beens, sweet corn, peaches, rice pudding, spaghetti, soup, tuna, chick peas and many more!

What is spnfield doing?

Spnfield are organising regular collections. Spnfield are encouraging donations of fresh food. They also collected items for the christmas hampers.

Spnfield donated: broccli, bannas, carrots, Strawberries and blue berries also cans and dry foods.
In Christmas Hampers there are: crackers, chocklates, buiscuits, big bags of crisps, turkey and other christmas foods.

What do the volunteers do?

The volunteers do the following:
- Collect food from donation points in supermarkets etc.
- Taking donations to wearhouse.
- Sort and date the food.
- Make the parcels of food.
- Deliver the food parcels to the clients.

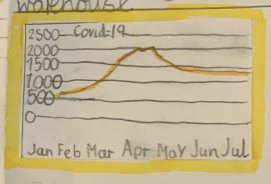
There are also street heroes who are people who have a collection box on their doorstep for their neighbours to make donations.

Some volunteers prepare the fresh produce.

Some volunteers sort and date all the tins.

What has happened since march 2020?

- The request for food parcels has doubled.
- The One Can Trust opened full time to enable social distancing during the all day 2 hour shifts for volunteers and to process the amount of food coming into and going out of the warehouse.



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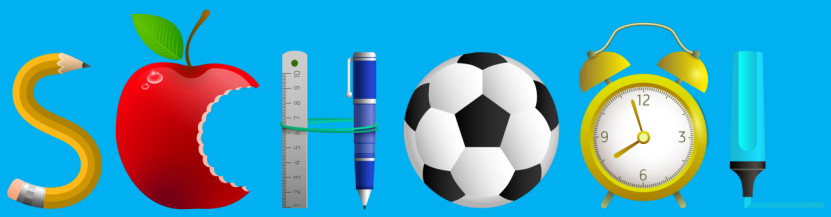

World Book day

On Thursday 4th March it is World Book Day. During the week the children will be taking part in some activities to celebrate this. If your child/ren would like to dress up or decorate a potato as a book character, they are welcome to do so and you can send the pictures into the office by Monday 8th March. There will be three prizes for the best efforts. Have a look at these pictures for some inspiration – isn't it amazing what you can do with a humble potato!

Red Nose Day

On **Friday 19th March 2021** to mark Red Nose Day the children may come to school dressed in Red!
As we missed Pancake day this year, we will be serving belated pancakes with a glass of squash.

A consent form will be sent via ParentMail in due course
There will be no charge for this.

Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Hat Competition

On Wednesday 31st March and Thursday 1st April 2021, we will be holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt and we are also inviting children to participate in an Easter Hat Competition on Thursday 1st April —There will be prizes for the best designed hats in both key stages—

So get your Easter thinking caps on!

We hope to see some wonderful hats from staff too!!

50/50 Raffle

In September 2021 we will be holding a 50/50 raffle. Parents will be able to purchase tickets for £2.50. The winner will receive half the total monies raised with the other half going to school funds.
More information to follow.

Children's Activity Day Raffle

At the beginning of the Autumn 2021 term the children will be able to use their pocket money to buy raffle tickets from their class teachers for 10p each—the class that raises the most amount of money will get to choose an activity day for their prize—e.g. pizza lunch, ice creams, non uniform day, movie & popcorn—each class will get a special day!

TERM DATES

Academic Year 2020-21

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021 — Thursday 1st April 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19th April 2021 — Friday 28th May 2021

Half term: 31 May – 4 June

Tuesday 8th June 2021 — Wednesday 21st July 2021

Monday 7th June 2021 Staff Training Day

Academic Year 2021-22

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Thursday 2nd September 2021 — Thursday 21st October 2021

Half term: 25 October – 29 October

Monday 1st November 2021 — Friday 17th December 2021

SPRING TERM 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022 — Friday 18th February 2022

Half term: 21 February – 25 February

Monday 28th February 2022 — Friday 8th April 2022

SUMMER TERM 2022

Monday 25th April 2022 — Friday 27th May 2022

Half term: 31 May – 3 June

Wednesday 8th June 2022 — Thursday 21st July 2022

Wednesday 1st September 2021	***Staff Training Day***
Friday 22nd October 2021	***Staff Training Day***
Tuesday 4th January 2022	***Staff Training Day***
Monday 6th June 2022	***Staff Training Day***
Tuesday 7th June 2022	***Staff Training Day***

NB: School finishes at usual time for half-term, but the school day ends at 1.45 pm on the last day of each term.

PLEASE NOTE DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE