



Sapphire Class- Spring Newsletter 2020

Welcome to the Spring Term - we hope that you find this a helpful overview of your child's learning this term. If there are any aspects of your child's learning that you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to your continued support.
Miss Rogers and Mrs Cobb

English



Topics to be covered this term include: themed narrative writing linked to our History topics of Ancient Egypt and Leisure and Entertainment. We will be reading *Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll, which links to Ancient Egypt, and in Spring 2 we will be reading *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo. We will be planning and writing a range of text types including recounts, explanation and persuasive texts. We will also be covering Year 5 grammar in detail, in line with the new curriculum expectations.

How you can help - Reading comprehension is an important skill that we work on in our English sessions. Please encourage your child to read with you at home regularly and ask them to tell you about what they have read. Reading records are checked weekly on a Friday. Spelling and grammar is fundamental to progress in writing and we would appreciate your support in helping your children learn their weekly spellings.

Maths



Our learning will cover work on number, application of the four operations (+ - x ÷), fractions, measures, statistics and geometry. We will be applying our knowledge to different types of questions in order to improve children's reasoning skills. We will be continuing our weekly Arithmetic lessons as well as our Fluent in Five starters.

How you can help - Confidently knowing times tables can help the children in many areas of mathematics. We strongly believe that children would benefit from regular practice to ensure efficient recall of multiplication facts and their corresponding division facts.

Topic and Science



Our topics this term will include:

- Ancient Egypt
- Leisure and Entertainment
- Animals including humans
- Electricity

The children will also have weekly Computing, PSHE, RE, Values and Spanish lessons.

Homework



The children will receive homework once a week on Friday. The homework will be set from the CGP books. Children will be expected to complete Maths weekly and either Comprehension or SPAG in alternative weeks. Spellings will be handed out on Friday with the spelling test carried out the following Friday.
How you can help - Parents can be supportive by reading with their children on a regular basis.

PE



PE will consist of a range of sports both indoors and outdoors, including: Gymnastics, Tag Rugby, Step to the Beat and Outdoor Adventure Activities. It is essential that children are well equipped for this important and fun part of our curriculum. Children should have an outdoor and indoor PE kit. For outdoor PE activities, children are encouraged to bring warm clothing (e.g. jogging/tracksuit trousers). Please help your child to remember their kit.