

Team Rainbow

Nursery and Reception - Autumn 1 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new year here with us at Springfield!

We are all really excited about beginning a new term and looking forward to what the next few weeks will bring.

Now that your child has started a new year here at Springfield, we just wanted to **introduce ourselves** to some of our new children and parents and remind some of our returning children and parents of who their children will be working with this year.



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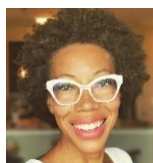


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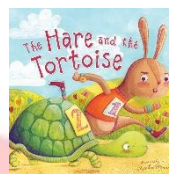
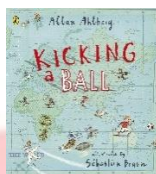
In Team Rainbow we always start every half term with a **Rainbow Day** to ensure we introduce and revisit this theme in fun and interactive ways including the staff all dressing up in different colours to represent the rainbow!



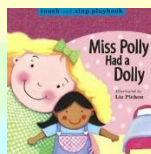
We will also be linking these days to the **whole school theme** this year of **inspirational artists**. We will be introducing the children to an **inspirational artist** and their work on our Team Rainbow Days. This year we have chosen the six artists other classes are named after and we will be starting this half term with the artist Year 1 are named after which is **Amy Sherald**. We hope to **inspire** the children to **believe** that they can **achieve** their dreams and learn lots of new sports at the same time.



Alongside this we will be spending this half term taking a closer look at our topic of **Ourselves** and looking at answering our big question **How high can I jump?** by learning about themselves, their families and what our bodies can do. We will be using a selection of books in our **Vipers** sessions linked with our topic and we have attached our Knowledge Organiser which will give you more details about what we are planning on doing.



Our Traditional Tale for this half term is the **Gingerbread Man** and our Nursery Rhyme is **Miss Polly had a Dolly** and we will be regularly linking these into our daily provision including a staff performance of the **Gingerbread Man** at the end of the term!



Another theme that will be continuing to run through everything we do is **WELLBEING**. To help all of our children understand and begin to share these feelings we are introducing the story **The Colour Monster** and using this character to represent the different feelings we can have. If you look on our webpage there is an electronic copy of the book and more information about the Wellbeing activities we will be doing.



We now have our very own **Class Dojo** set up for Nursery and Reception. It has proven to be a fantastic on-line tool for communicating messages, sharing work, celebrating successes and rewarding your child's achievements in and out of school.

Whether you are an existing or new parent to Springfield you will all need to log on again this year to allow you access.

We have already sent out the information you will need but if you have not logged on yet we have attached instructions and your individual passwords to this letter. If you have any problems with this please let us know and we will try our best to help.



This half term we will be sending **Home Learning** with your child every Friday. This will involve either a talk question or a practical activity. It would be wonderful if you could support us in completing these with your child and please remember to bring back the sheets and any additional work, photos or models they have done so we can celebrate their efforts in school too! Now that Class Dojo is also set up you can post photos, videos or any work your child does at home on there as well. It will be regularly checked by staff and shared in class.

In **Nursery** we will be changing your child's reading books every **Tuesday** and **Friday** but please encourage your child to bring their bags every day. We will be giving a **Ted's Pals** to your child when you have read with your child at home on **20** different times, on different days, and written in their diaries. Your support with this is valuable and we really appreciate you spending the time to share a book with your child regularly to help them grow into **early readers**.



In **Reception** we ask that your child brings their **book bags** every day. We will be spending time with every child throughout the week to share a book and help them to use their phonics to read at their level. When you have read with your child at home on **25** different times, on different days, and written in their diary they will win a **Red Ted Bear** and accessories.



All children's books will be changed **once a week**.

We are currently in the early stages of moving from **reading dairies** to recording a child's reading at home on a new app called **Go Read**. We will be sending more details about this which will give you more information about the change in procedure. If you are already giving it a go, thank you for your understanding and patience whilst we change over our systems.



All of your children continue to look very smart in their **uniforms** but I am sure you are aware of how easily they can get lost. To help us find them could you please write their name in all of their clothes, especially jumpers and hats. It is also important that your child comes to school prepared to learn outside with **suitable clothing including hats**. We love learning in the outdoors will spend time outside as much as we can - whatever the weather!

If there are any questions about any of this information or if any other issues arise during the half term, please do not hesitate to come and see a member of staff - we are always here to help! Or alternatively you can look at our website as we will be regularly updating it and adding useful resources to support your child's learning at home.

As always we thank you for your support!

The Early Years Staff

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