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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's lovely to see you all back at school and ready for the term ahead. As always, the Easter holiday has flown by! I hope you all had a wonderful time with your families and managed to relax too! I am pleased that the children are all looking smart in their school uniform and are all settling well in to their learning.

Governor News

I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming Mrs Claire Andrews, our new Head of School to Springfield Primary, and thanking Miss Holland, Mrs Brown and Mrs Treble for providing sterling cover over the past few months and ensuring that the school and our pupils continued to make progress.

We are looking forward to Mrs Andrews joining in the life of school and working with the staff and Governors in setting and achieving the highest of standards and achievements for all aspects of our school life.

We learned recently of the sad passing of Mr Paul Smith, the first Head Teacher at Springfield. Whilst current pupils and staff may not remember his time at the school many of the parents and even some of the grandparents will have fond memories of him from the late 1960s and into the late 1980s.

Our sympathies are extended to Mr Smiths' family and friends.

Best Wishes

Darren Gibbons

Chair of Governors

Reception –Are We There Yet?

Over the Summer Term Reception will be learning all about Transport. We have started by looking at cars and buses. The children really enjoy using a variety of materials to create vehicles. Throughout the term we will be designing and creating our own 'Super vehicles'. This will end with our 'Top Gear' Exhibition where the children can show off what they have made to parents and staff. We hope that you can attend.

Year 1 – Dinosaur Planet



Year 1 have got a very exciting term ahead of them. The children will be getting their claws into a fantastic dinosaur topic. Over the term the children will be exploring how dinosaurs came to be and what led them to becoming extinct.



They will all become investigators, palaeontologists and explorers, looking at what dinosaurs ate and where they lived. The children will have the opportunity to create fossils and 3D dinosaurs as they explore their artistic talents and create a dynamic dinosaur dance as a whole class. In English they will be creating riddles, fact files and dinosaur jokes which they will perform to the others in the class. They will be comparing the world today to how it used to look prehistorically.

The children enjoyed their visit to The Natural History Museum this week especially the Stegosaurus workshop.



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Year 2 –Wriggle & Crawl

Year 2 have almost come to the end of their Key Stage One journey and they should be so proud of the progress they have made!

Year 2 will start by writing some minibeast poetry and then they will move onto explanation text, focusing on the life-cycles of both frogs and butterflies.

We hope to be spending as much time outside as possible and will be building our own bug houses and exploring what insects we have collected. We will be creating our own algorithms for the very hungry caterpillar and learning all about how bees make honey.

In maths we will be focusing specifically on time, money and statistics. The children will also be completing some revision sessions where they will consolidate learning we have done since September.

This term the children will also be completing their SATS. Please be reassured that we want the children to feel successful and we will not be putting them under any unnecessary pressure. The children are used to being assessed and all we ask is that they try their best.

The Year 2 Team would like to thank you for your ongoing support and would especially like to thank you for taking the time to revise with your children over the Easter holidays.

Year 3 – Tremors

This term we are delving deep into the Earth, exploring its layers and Mother Nature's natural disasters. We are learning about volcanoes, labelling their parts, finding out about the different types and discovering how and why they erupt and the impact this has on communities past and present. We are also looking at earthquakes and how they occur and will be investigating the properties of rocks.

Year 4 –Misty Mountains

It has been an exciting start to our new topic, 'Misty Mountains' and the children are looking forward to finding out more about mountains, mountain ranges and the world's highest mountains. They have asked all sorts of questions, such as 'Which continent has the highest mountain?', 'What equipment would you need to climb a mountain?' and 'How long would it take to climb the tallest mountain in the UK?' Through topic work the children will soon be able to answer all their questions.

In maths, the children have started work on 3-d shapes and will soon be looking at multiplication and division. In literacy, the children will be writing their own chronological reports and designing a leaflet using persuasive language about the Dunstable Downs, which they will be visiting on 25th May. They will also have the opportunity to meet with a real life mountaineer! We have started to read *The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien and will use this text when we look at descriptive and imaginative language.

The children will also investigate the Adi tribe of the Himalayas and try and recreate their brightly coloured woven patterns of cloth. They will also look at the water cycle, evaporation and how the Adi manage to survive on such hostile terrain.

All in all they will certainly be kept busy learning!

Year 5 – Off With Her Head

The children will be learning all about the Tudor period and their impact on modern-day Britain. We will cover the beliefs, motives and lifestyle of Henry VIII. We will also look at events such as the Black Death, the breakaway from the Catholic Church and the reasons for the end of the Tudor era.

In the second half-term, we will be visiting the Tower of London to further enhance our knowledge and understanding of the Tudors. We will then design and make sculptures of the Tower of London, using a range of different materials. In English, we will look at biographies and auto-biographies, write riddles to entertain King Henry and write a newspaper article detailing Anne Boleyn's execution.



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Reception Outside Area



On Saturday 21st April, Springfield Primary school welcomed pupils, staff, governors and parents to a hands-on workshop to develop the outside learning environment for our youngest pupils. The offer of bacon rolls and fresh coffee proved a popular incentive.

It was wonderful to welcome so many eager and skilled people who were committed to lending a helping hand. Over the course of the morning we managed to make a bug hotel, paint benches and tyres, create weaving areas and so much more. The children had a whale of a time and it's fair to say that some had more paint on them than the benches!

This really was an example of the local community working together for the benefit of our pupils. It was great fun and we achieved much more than we had expected. Please come and have a look at all that we have done. It is an ongoing project so if you have any ideas of materials to donate please come and let us know.

Online Games

Please ensure that you closely supervise your children's access to online games, and preferably use a parental filter. We have been made aware that several of the children have been playing a game called Fortnite. This game has been identified as a game used by adults to target and groom children.

Parent Forum

The parent forum is a valuable platform whereby parents can air their views and offer suggestions. Last year this proved to be a successful working group. We have now asked Mrs Gardner (Key Stage 2 lead) to head up the forum and would welcome any new members. We meet every half term either at 2:30pm or 6pm and have our own Whatsapp group to make communication easy. If you are interested we are still taking nominations for the forum and forms are available at the school office or you can email office@springfieldprimaryschool.org.uk with your nomination. We look forward to hearing from you.

Clubs

Day	Club	Room/Teacher
Monday	Italian - Yrs 1 - 5	Galileo(Mrs Di Ciccio)
	Multi Sports Club – Yrs3 & 4	Mr Cooper
Tuesday	Homework Club – Yr1 & 2	Terra(Mrs Behan)
	Multi Sports Club – Yr1 & 2	Mr Cooper
	Rounders – Yrs 3 & 4	Hall(Miss Pugh/Miss Eales)
Wednesday	Art Club –Yr 1 & 2	Marte (Miss Vasso/Miss Moore)
	Drama Club – Yrs 3 & 4	Michelangelo (Miss Cain)
	Chess Club - Yrs 3 - 5	Vivaldi(Mrs Leska)
	Maths Club – Yr 5	Roma(Mr Gotham)
Thursday	Chinese Club – Yrs 1 - 4	Galileo
	Homework Club – Yrs3 & 4 1pm – 1.30pm	Da Vinci(Mrs Gardner)
Friday	Creative Dance Yrs 1- 5	Hall (Maz)

All clubs will be finishing at 4.15pm



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Important Diary Dates

1 st May	Whole School Class Photos
7 th May	KS1 SATS Week
8 th May	PTA Meeting
10 th May	Yr3 & 4 Multi Sports Kings Oak Primary School
22 nd May	Reception Library/Park Walk
24 th May	PTA Magic Show
25 th May	Yr 4 Visit Dunstable Downs
25th May	Last Day of Half Term
4th June	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
5th June	Children back to school

Clairne Andrews

Mrs C Andrews
Head of School