

Autumn 2 Newsletter



Springfield Infant
School and Nursery



The first half term has flown by! Children are all settling into their classes and learning to adapt to the expectations from their teachers in their new year groups. As a school we were awarded a prestigious, 'Opal Platinum Play Award'. Thank you to all those families in our school community who helped us achieve such a high standard. A special thank you goes out to Miss Cunningham who has worked hard organising staff and equipment to enhance the children's play. Enjoy the Half term everyone school commences on Tuesday 31st of October.

Mrs Phillips

Reception This half term reception have focused on the topic 'Marvellous Me'. We started by learning about ourselves, naming the parts of our bodies, our likes and dislikes and we have thought about what makes us unique and special. We used our hands to create some handprint artwork, painted our self-portraits and had fun drawing around each other to label our body parts. We have been working on our independence this half term, learning how to recognise our name in order to put our own things away, having a go at writing our names and learning to dress and undress ourselves for PE. We have also thought about who is in our families and where we live. We have enjoyed a walk around our local area looking for key features including shops, the dentist, the doctors, the post office, local churches and our school.



Nursery has been extremely busy this half term. We are so proud of the way our new children have settled into Nursery. They can come in independently, some of them are starting to recognise their name and they have become brilliant at accessing resources for themselves and tidying up. We have shared many stories during snack time and the children have got so much better at listening and talking already! Our topic this half term has been 'Marvellous Me' and the children have painted pictures of themselves, explored their families and homes and have made models of their home. The children are already showing that they can independent like Connie the Cat.

I am Connie the
Cat. I am an
independent
learner.



Year 1 This half term we have been adapting to life in Year 1 and have been very busy with our learning! We have learned about Old Toys in History and visited Christchurch Mansion to look at the old toys on display. We even had a go at making our own old toys. We have looked at seasonal changes and the parts of a tree in science – we really enjoyed looking at the trees in Christchurch park on our trip. In Art, we have practiced our sketching skills and had a go at a variety of shading techniques. In Maths, we have been looking numbers to 10, how to order them, compare them and we are beginning to add with them. In Talk 4 Writing, we have learned the story of The Little Red Hen and have learned to retell it using our active storytelling actions.



Year 2 Year 2 In Maths, the children have been securing their understanding in place value and the number system. We'd love the children to practice making 10 and 20 as well as counting backwards from 100. The children have been very busy in Literacy this half term: writing stories, instructions and character descriptions. We have continued to practise both reading and the spelling of the year 2 words, (these can be found at the back of your diary). It will really help your child if you can practise these at home too. In Art the children have been able to show their creative skills mark making and have learnt about the artist Kandinsky and abstract art.



Term Dates

Autumn 1st half term Wed 06/09/23- Fri 20/10/23

Half term Fri 23/10/23 – Mon 30/10/23

Autumn 2nd half term Tues 31/10/23 – Wed 20/12/23

Year 2 November 9th Cinema visit

Flu Immunisations 14th November PM

Reception 15th November Christchurch Park visit

Nursery 29th November Library visit 9.45-10.45
1.30-2.30

Year 2 4th December History off the Page

Year 2 6th December OMAT Christmas concert

Reception Nativity 12th and 13th December

Whole school 15th December dress down and bring chocolate

Whole school 18th Christmas Dinner and Discos

Whole school 19th wear Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Fayres

Reminders

On Tuesday 31st October the kitchen staff will be doing some additional training this means that we will have a limited menu just on that day. Children will have a choice lunchtime lunchbox (pick and mix) or a jacket potato.

If your child's teacher is not aware of collection agreements you have made, they may hold your child until they have spoken to you, before letting them go with someone else. Please give a message to be passed on to the teacher outside at drop off or pop a note in your child's diary.

The Bramford Lane gate will be closed promptly at 8.50am after this time your child will be registered as late. You will have to walk down Surbiton Road and register your child at the office.