



Springfield Primary

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT: English – The Girl Who Stole an Elephant.

AUTUMN TERM 1 - 2026

Our exciting year of learning will commence with us going on an adventure with Chaya across the jungle as she attempts to repair the damage she caused to the Kingdom of Serendib after stealing the Queen's precious jewels... Our learners will explore the power of descriptive devices in order to paint a vivid picture in a reader's mind. Using these skills, we will be writing our own setting descriptions of a jungle, inspired by the powerful vocabulary we have encountered in the class novel.

An Overview of Our Learning This Half Term:

As Writers and Readers...	Our learners will understand how to write for descriptive purposes.
As Mathematicians...	Our learners will investigate the place value of numbers up to 1,000,000. They will then revise the formal methods of addition and subtraction with numbers of up to 4-digits.
As Scientists...	Our learners will explore space and the universe.
As Geographers...	Our learners will explore North America.
As Artists and Designers...	Our learners will learn how to draw with emotion.
As Computer Scientists...	Our learners will understand how computer systems work and how to complete safe and effective searches.
As Sportsmen and Sportswomen...	Our learners will explore fitness activities to build stamina and the different skills required within a game of football.
As Musicians...	Our learners will listen to, appraise, sing, play, improvise and compose within the rock music genre and also how to play the steel drums.
RE	Our learners will explore what God means to Christians.
PSHRE	Our learners will explore how to keep themselves healthy.

How you can help at home:

Reading

Read at least 3 times a week

Spellings

Daily practise of spellings using the 'look, cover, write, check' method.

Times tables

TTRS daily

Rollama daily

Dates For Your Diary:

Friday 18th September - Jeans for Genes Day

Monday 5th October – Individual and Sibling Photos

Monday 12th October - Learner Review Meetings

Friday 16th October – Space Centre Trip

Tuesday 20th October - Halloween Disco

Thursday 22nd October - Flu Vaccinations

Friday 23rd October – Last Day of Half Term