Springfield Primary
YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT: Terrifying Tudors!

AUTUMN TERM 2 - 2026

This half term, we will travel back through time to discover what life was like as a Maya and how their lives have impacted upon how we live today. Making links to the focus text 'The Rain Player', we will discover how the Mayan Civilisation changed over time by investigating what their cities were like, how they organised their society and what religions and beliefs were formed at that time. This will give us a valuable insight into understanding how our lives today have been influenced by civilisations of the past.

An Overview of Our Learning This Half Term:

As Writers and Readers...	Our learners will write a Ship's Log and explore instructional writing linked to the focus novel 'Kensuke's Kingdom'.
As Mathematicians...	Our learners will delve into the foundations which underpin all multiplication and division skills alongside beginning work on fractions.
As Scientists...	Our learners will explore forces.
As Historians...	Our learners will explore the Mayan Civilisation in order to grow their knowledge of culture, clothing, religion and food.
As Artists and Designers...	Our learners will be exploring self-portraits.
As Computer Scientists...	Our learners will be exploring video production.
As Sportsmen and Sportswomen...	Our learners will explore Dance and learn how to play tag-rugby.
As Musicians...	Our learners will be learning our Christmas performance.
RE	Our learners will investigate the theories of creation vs science, in relation to Christianity.
PSHRE	Our learners will be taught about families and relationships.
As Linguists...	Our learners will be learning to discuss The Way We Look in Spanish.

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:

11th November – Armistice Day Remembrance Service, SPAG Parent Workshop
13th November – Children in Need
18th November – Number Fluency Parent Workshop
23rd November – Parent Book Look
27th November – Inset Day
2nd December – SATS Information Evening
3rd December – SEND Coffee Morning
10th December – Winter Concert Church Service, Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
Friday 18th December – Last Day of Term