

Autumn 2 Newsletter

Year 6



A warm welcome back to all of our lovely Year 6 children and parents! We hope you have had a well-deserved, restful break and are looking forward to the new half term. Autumn 2 has some amazing opportunities ahead and, while there will be new challenges, offers lots of opportunities for the children to grow both personally and academically.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any matters further with your child's class teacher, please don't hesitate to contact us via email or speak to the school office to make an appointment.

Kindest regards,
The Year 6 Team ☺

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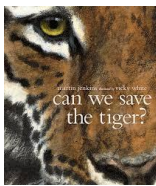
Key Reminders This Half Term:

- PE this half term will take place on Mondays and Fridays. On these days, children should come to school wearing their PE kits (t shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms). A gentle reminder that children should wear their Chapelford school uniform jumper or cardigan over their PE kit rather than branded/ other jumpers or hoodies that are not part of the Chapelford uniform. Please see your child's class teacher if you have any questions about this.
- With the exception of studded earrings (to be removed or covered for PE), children should not wear jewellery in school. Black school shoes, not trainers, should be worn on non PE days.
- Children should not bring their own pencil cases or stationery into school- all equipment that the children need is provided for them.
- Children are expected to read **at least** 3 times per week and have their reading diary signed weekly. In addition, we ask that you support your child in practising their times tables and completing any assigned home learning. Any additional practice to overlearn key skills truly makes such a difference in both their confidence and skills.
- Our London residential trip will take place this half term on **Thursday 11th – Friday 12th December**. We will be holding a parent meeting at **4.30 on Thursday 20th November** to go through details and answer any questions you might have about the upcoming trip.

English

Our focus text for writing this half term is 'Can We Save the Tiger' by Oscar Wilde, through which the children will have opportunity to immerse themselves in the topic of animal extinction as focus on applying key grammatical skills. Through the text, the children will have opportunity to write for a range of purposes and audiences, including letters and factual descriptions.

Our author study this half term is Katherine Rundell who has written a range of fantastic children's books which we are excited to share with the children.



Maths

In maths, a huge focus this half term will be multiplication and division, as well as continuing to build speed and accuracy across addition and subtraction to consolidate the four operations.

A gentle reminder that by the end of Year 4, it is expected that children can recall all of their times table and division facts up to 12×12 . If your child is still lacking confidence in their times tables, please support us by practising as much as possible at home. It truly will support your child across all areas of mathematics and build their confidence tremendously.

Science

In our science learning this half term, we will be continuing our learning of the human body and how it functions, including exploring how diet and exercise have an impact on our heart rates.

Wider Curriculum

Through our wider curriculum subjects this half term, the children will have the opportunity to explore many new topics and use their enquiry skills to develop their knowledge and skills.

History

The children will be continuing with their learning about the power of the monarchy, exploring how it has evolved over time and developed into a constitutional monarchy.

Geography

In geography, the children will continue to explore volcanoes and earthquakes, considering not just the event itself but the impact after an eruption.

Computing

In computing, we will be investigating how we can design games, using skills such as coding and debugging games. The children will also learn about Tim Sweeney who is the founder of Epic Games and created the well-known game 'Fortnite'.

RE

In RE we will be studying Hinduism, exploring different beliefs and practices that are important within the religion.

PE

This half term, PE will take place outdoors for our new topic of hockey. The children will build on their skills in passing and dribbling the ball as well as undertaking different roles within the team on attack or defence.

Design Technology

In DT, we will be continuing our project of making our own automata toys, including measuring and constructing a frame and designing finishing touches to make our products meet the design brief and appeal to our target audience.

Remember to keep an eye on our Chapelford Facebook page to keep up to date with all of the learning taking place in class!

Thank you again for your continued support.
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