



Autumn 2 Newsletter Year 5

A huge warm welcome back to our new half term!

We hope you have had a restful half term and are excited to be back! As we start the new half term, please take note of the following reminders:

- Children must bring to school their Chapelford Book Bags or bags that are able to fit into their trays. At this point for health and safety reasons, **we are unable to facilitate backpacks or rucksacks larger than these and these will not be able to remain in the classroom.**
- PE will take place each week. Your child must have their PE kit in school which will remain in school. Children should arrive at school in their usual school uniforms on PE days as normal.
- Children should not bring their own pencil cases or stationary into school as equipment is provided for the children.
- If your child requires to bring their mobile phone into school, a mobile phone agreement must be signed and returned to school prior to this. Please see your child's class teacher should you require a copy of this.

Your child will take part in Guided Reading sessions with their teacher up to twice per week. Following one of their Guided Reading sessions, we will send home a copy of their book banded text. **It is expected that children will re read the chapter or section that they have been focusing on in class to build fluency and pace.**

Please support us by sending your child's reading record into school each day and encouraging your child to read each night. It is our expectation that the children read **5 times per week** and that their reading record is signed by a parent of guardian. One of the children's 5 times reading must be their re reading of their banded book but, other than this, the children can read a variety of texts, including newspapers, leaflets, fiction books or reading plus!

English

We loved our last English text of Queen of the Falls so hope the children will be just as excited for this half term's, 'The Lost Happy Endings'. Through this text, we will be exploring fairy tales with a twist and creating our own sinister descriptions using a range of expanded noun phrases and rich language. In our Guided Reading sessions, we will be exploring our twisted fairy tales further through Neil Gaiman's 'Hansel and Gretel'.



Maths

In our Mathematics learning, we will be consolidating our knowledge of mental and written methods this half term, including addition and subtraction including decimals and short multiplication and division. As well as this, we will be continuing to gain fluency and speed with our times tables up to 12×12 .

Remember your child has access to Times Tables Rockstars so any additional learning or practice they can do at home will hugely help to support the work we are doing in class. **It is an expectation that the children know their times tables up to 12×12 by the end of year 4.**

Wider Curriculum

We will be continuing with our daily mindfulness sessions and weekly PSHCE sessions where the children will have the opportunity to discuss their thoughts and feelings. As well as our core subjects of Maths, English and Reading, we will also be starting our newest Science, Religious Education and Physical Education topics this half term so there is lots to look forward to!

Science

This half term, we will be exploring the exciting topic of Earth and Space. The children will have the chance to learn about the movement of the planets in the solar system, as well as working scientifically to discuss evidence about how we know the Earth is not flat.

Please see the following to see how you can support your child with their learning.

Curriculum Objectives:

- To describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the sun in the solar system.
- To describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth
- To describe the Sun, Earth and moon as approximately spherical bodies
- Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky

Key Vocabulary

orbit

spherical bodies

planet

dwarf planet

gravity

Northern Hemisphere

Southern Hemisphere

Axis

Tilt

Rotate

How many planets are there in total?

Try writing your own mnemonic to remember the order of the planets!

Try visiting BBC Bitesize and looking at the Space section to find out more!

One again, a huge warm welcome back and we look forward to speaking to you all soon! **The Year 5 Team** 😊

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