

Spring 1 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. Spring Term has some amazing opportunities ahead and, while there will be many challenges, it offers lots of opportunities for the children to grow both personally and academically. We have been so proud of the children in their Year 6 journey so far and are so excited to be taking these next steps with them.

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 **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. On these days, children should come to school wearing their PE kits (white Chapelford or plain white 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.
Thank you for your continued support in these areas.

English

Our focus text for writing this half term is 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde, through which the children will have opportunity to immerse themselves in gorgeous language as well 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 character descriptions and narratives.

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



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 be contemplating the world around them and exploring issues like climate change and learning more about how we can protect our planet.

Computing

In computing, we will be investigating the different variables in games, including using skills such as designing, coding and debugging games.

The children will also learn about Shigeru Miyamoto who designed some of the world's most famous games including Zelda and Mario!

RE

In RE we will be studying the religion of Islam and learning about key practices and rituals that are important to Muslims.

PE

This half term, PE will take place indoors for our new topic of dance. The children will build on their learning skills and focus on developing new skills to create their own street dance.

Design Technology

In DT, we will be building on our knowledge of electrical systems and circuits. Through this, the children will use motors and other materials to design their own motorised car.

Science

In our science learning this half term, we will be studying living things and their habitats. The children will explore how living things are classified into different groups according to their characteristics as well as studying Carl Linnaeus, a pioneer of classification.

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

Thank you again for your continued support.
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