



Welcome to Halfway Through The School Year

We hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children have come back full of energy, smiles and excitement, and they are already showing how ready they are to learn and challenge themselves this term. We honestly can't believe we are already halfway through the school year – the time has flown by! Thank you so much to those of you who attended Parents' Evening. It was a real pleasure to share your child's successes and celebrate the wonderful progress they are making in Year 1. We are very proud of them all and look forward to another fantastic half term together.

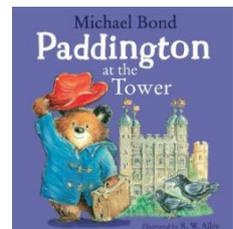
Please find below your teacher's email address if you have any questions this term.

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English



To start the half term with a bang we started our new book 'Paddington at the Tower of London'. The children have loved hearing about the classic bear and his adventures.

Phonics is a top priority in Year 1, emphasizing the need for children to read their books at least three times a week. Check out E-Books on the Oxford Owl Website (password in reading record). We're also diving into a term of Benji Davis author study, enjoying his works during daily shared reading.

Remember, reading together is key. Share any book recommendations in your child's reading record or bring them in—we love discovering new stories! Let's keep the reading excitement alive in Year 1!

Maths



Year 1 maths allows lots of opportunities to re-visit our learning and consolidate what we have learnt. We are currently re-visiting our topic of place value – but this time with numbers to 100. Children will be looking at recognising and representing these numbers whilst accessing some reasoning questions with support to further their knowledge. Number formation is still a big focus in year 1. This is something that all children could practise at home. Other topics that we will cover this half term include length and height, Position and Direction, Mass and volume. The children will continue to have the opportunity to access our fantastic outdoor provision area and using our equipment to consolidate their learning.



Reading

The Year 1 team are always reviewing your child's phonics progress and their book band. Phonics and reading are a massive focus in Year 1. If you would like any tips on how to support your child's phonics development at home or their reading, please contact the Year 1 team. It is important that children have their reading book and their reading record in their book **every day**. This is important as we collect their old books in on the day of their teacher led reading session.

Please note, children need to be using a school book bag as we have no where to store larger rucksacks/bags that do not fit in their tray. Ensure that you write a comment in your child's reading record three times a week, so that you can progress along the reading road and get the chance to receive a book from our book vending machine.. **We review your child's reading record each Friday.**



Snacks and water bottles

- Please send your child to school with a water bottle containing water only.
- A healthy snack will be provided by the school daily. This is usually an apple, pear, banana, orange or raisins.
- We are seeing increasing amounts of children bringing chocolate bars and crisps for snack time. If your child would prefer to bring in their own healthy snack, a reminder that this needs to be a piece of fruit as we want to promote making healthy choices.



P.E

PE will take place every Monday and Thursday, so please arrive to school in your P.E kit on these days.

Uniform

A gentle reminder that children are required to wear formal school shoes. We are seeing an increasing amount of year 1 children wearing trainers. We will be reviewing uniform and speaking to family members regarding this during this term if it is not compliant with the school uniform policy. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to a member of staff.



We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and remind you that should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Year 1 Team

Chapelford Village Primary School

Year 1 Newsletter

Spring Term 2



English

Core text: Paddington at the Tower of London.

WRITING OUTCOMES: To write a recount of the book 'Paddington at the Tower of London'.

- Leaving spaces between words
- Use a capital letter for the personal pronoun 'I'
- Punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop
- Use a capital letter for days of the week, months and places
- Orally plan and rehearse ideas
- discuss their writing with adults and peers
- Read aloud their writing to an adult or peer

Composition:

- Say out loud what they are going to write about
- Compose a sentence orally before writing it

Phonics:

- Set 3 Read Write Inc sounds.
- Speedy green words
- Common exception words: - my, here, there, where, love come and some.

Handwriting:

- Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly
- To form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing letters in the right place.
- To write pre cursive letters

Music

Bossa Nova

Round and Round

PE

REAL PE – Athletics

- Throwing skills
- Catching skills
- Jumping and balancing skills

Art

Painting using water colours.

Design Technology

Mechanisms: How do mechanisms create a moving picture?

Computing

Digital Literacy – Can we send a rocket to the moon?

Geography

Understanding the different parts of the world and where we live.

Overarching Enquiry Question – What is the weather like in the UK?

RE

Judaism

What do some people do because they believe in God?

PSHE

Citizenship

- What would happen if we didn't have rules?
- What do animals need different to humans?
- What do babies and young children need?
- How am I the same but different?
- What groups do I belong to?
- What is democracy?

Maths

- **NUMBER: Place Value to 100**
- Length and Height
- Volume and Mass
- Positions and Direction

Science

Seasonal changes and daily weather (Physics)

- Re-visit all four seasons and the weather within our current season of Winter.

Animals including Humans (Biology)

- How are the animals different in Australia compared the ones that we find in Britain?
- What are mammals?
- How can we organise animals at the zoo?
- What is the difference between fish and amphibians?
- Do all animals look the same? Game changer
- Carnivore, herbivore or omnivore?

History

Explorers

How have explorers changed the world?
Famous explorers past and present.