

# Chapelford Village Primary School

## Year 5 Newsletter

### Spring Term 2

#### Welcome back to Year 5!

Welcome back after the Spring half term. We do hope you've had a restful break and are ready for another busy term ahead. We have lots of exciting things planned for this half term, including Bikeability, a visit from the nurse and 'Be Dog Safe' workshops.

This half term, we have already celebrated National Careers Week and World Book Day. For National Career's Week, the children enjoyed learning all about careers within politics and we even had a question and answer session with a member of the House of Lords! We were also so impressed with the effort the children put into their costumes for World Book Day and we would like to thank everyone at home for their support with this – the children had an amazing day!

Please do remember that if you have any concerns or need support with anything, pop in and see us after school, drop us an email or ring the office to make an appointment.

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#### Important Information and Reminders

##### Phones

As the children are becoming more independent and beginning to walk home by themselves, they are able to bring their mobile phone into school. These will then be stored in a box in the headteacher's office and collected by the children at the end of the day. Please may the children return the mobile phone acceptable use form if they would like to bring their phone in if they are walking home independently from school.



##### Homework

Homework will be sent out each week on a Friday and will be due in the following Thursday. The children also have log ins for TT Rockstars and Reading Eggs and we ask that the children use this two times per week at home. If your child struggles with any of the home-learning tasks that are set each week, please feel free to ask us for any help or guidance. We also have a home learning club, where the children can complete homework if they would like extra help. Each child will also receive a book banded reading book to take home with them with the expectation that children read this at least three times per week at home

##### PE Kits and Uniform

Thank you all so much for your support this year so far with PE kits as the children have looked incredibly smart in the correct kits. The children will continue take part in two PE lessons per week, on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**, and after a successful trial, will continue to come into school in their PE kits. This has allowed us maximise the duration of our PE lessons and encourage the importance of regular physical activity and remaining active throughout the day.

##### Brass instruments

The children are thoroughly enjoying their weekly music lessons, where they are learning to play a brass instrument. If you have signed a consent form to allow your child to take their instrument home to continue their practice, please can you ensure that they are bringing in their instrument each **Tuesday** to enable them to actively participate in their lessons.



#### English

##### Class texts:

This half term, our Author Study focus is on Robert Swindell and the children have enjoyed beginning to read Room 13. In English, we will complete a unit based on our World Book Day text, The Wizard of Oz. During this unit, the children will create their own travel brochures for the Emerald City. We will then move onto the text The Darkest Dark by Chris Hadfield and Kate Fillion, which follows the story of a young boy intrigued by space, who grows up to be real-life astronaut Chris Hadfield. This links to our Science topic, Earth and Space, and will be focusing on non-fiction writing.



#### Music

Year 5 will continue their brass lessons; they have made excellent progress so far and we look forward to seeing this continue further.

#### History

Children will start a unit learning about the Ancient Mayans and how they influenced our lives today.

#### Maths

This half term, the children will be looking at fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will learn how to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers, find equivalent fractions and how to convert fractions into decimals and percentages. We will continue to practice our times tables weekly and will also complete weekly fluency sessions to look at previously taught methods.

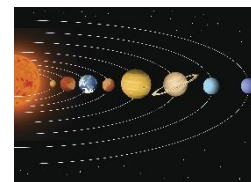
#### Geography

In Geography, the children be exploring the oceans, including how to look after our planet.



#### Science

In Science the children will be learning all about Earth and Space. The children will learn all about the planets in the solar system, why we have day and night and what the different phases of the moon are.



#### Computing

Year 5 will explore how programming can help create music for different purposes.

#### Art

This term the children will practice their painting skills and develop their ability to mix colours.

#### PE

Children will be practicing their badminton skills and learn to play matches.

#### RE

The children will be studying Christianity and will be exploring morality and whether miracles exist.

#### Design Technology

In DT the children will continue to learn about structures and how shape is important to bridge structures.

#### MFL – French

In French, the children will be learning the French terms for items of clothing.

#### PSHE

The children will be learning all about why rules are important and democracy.

