

Chapelford Village Primary School

Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Welcome to Year 5!

A huge warm welcome to our first term in Year 5! We hope that all the children have had a wonderful break, are feeling well rested and are ready for an exciting new school year. We are looking forward to a term filled with hard work, determination and plenty of exciting challenges. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude the children have already shown and are excited to see them flourish throughout the year.

This half term, we will also be starting our **weekly swimming sessions on Wednesdays and brass lessons on Thursdays**. Please remember to send children into school in their PE kit with their swimming kit on Wednesdays. We are looking forward to seeing their confidence and swimming skills develop over the coming weeks.

As always, if you have any concerns or need support with anything, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us. We are always happy to help. We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and all the learning, opportunities and achievements that Year 5 will bring!

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Important Information and Reminders



Reading

Each child will 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 and record this in their homework diary. This then needs to be signed by a parent or guardian weekly.

Please Note:

- Children must bring to school their Chapelford Book Bags or bags of a similar size. We are unable to facilitate backpacks or rucksacks larger than these in the classroom.
- If your child needs 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.
- Children must not come into school in trainers or with jewellery. If your child needs to come for a particular reason, please discuss this with your child's class teacher.
- We kindly ask that any snacks provided for your child comply with our nut-free policy. This is essential for the safety and wellbeing of all children in our school.

Our PE days are Wednesdays (swimming) and Thursdays. Please ensure all children come into school in their PE kit on those days and bring their swimming kit on Wednesdays.



English

Class texts: Queen of the Falls and Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls

This half term, in English, the children will be focusing on the audience and purpose of their writing and how this effects the language they use within different genres of text. The children will also develop their understanding and application of paragraphs and fronted adverbials.

Using Goodnight Stories of Rebel Girls, there will be a focus on developing the children's reading skills, with a specific focus on retrieving and inference skills. The children will also have an opportunity to write a biography in the style of the author for the book.

Art



This term the children will be developing their drawing skills. The children will create their own pieces of artwork using a new technique called subtractive drawing.

History



Children will learn about the Ancient Greeks and how they influenced our lives today.

Maths

This half term, the children will be completing their topic of place value for numbers up to one million. This includes reading and writing numbers, ordering and comparing numbers, rounding and negative numbers. The children will have lots of opportunities for investigating, exploring and reasoning with these concepts.

They will then start to look at addition and subtraction.



Geography



Children will learn and discover what life would be like in the Alps. They will be able to locate and name the seven mountains in the world.

Science

This half term, the children in Year 5 will be completing their topic of Physics and Forces. Here, the children will explore how influential people; such as Isaac Newton and Galileo Galilei pioneered in their field. The children will enjoy experiments and discovering a deeper understanding about how the world of forces work.

Computing

Year 5 will explore computer networks in their lessons. This will also include learning about online safety.

Music



Year 5 are very lucky this year to be having brass lessons throughout the whole year, where they will learn how to play an instrument and perform as an ensemble.

PE

Children will develop their balance and coordination skills. They will also continue to explore different athletic disciplines.

RE

In RE, the overarching question for Year 5 will be, Why is it sometimes difficult to do the right thing? Autumn 1 is Christianity God.

Design Technology

During DT, the children will learn all about mechanical systems, pulleys and gears.



MFL – French

In French, year 5 will discover how to say and understand words all about their school.



PSHE

During PSHE, we will be ensuring the children are settling into their routine positively. Alongside this, we will be learning about increased independence opportunities, family and relationships.