



## Summer 1 Newsletter Year 5

**A huge warm welcome back to our new half term to all of our lovely parents and Year 5 children!** Welcome back after a well-deserved half term break! We hope that the children are well rested and ready for a new term with lots of hard work, perseverance, and challenges ahead. It's hard to believe that we are now halfway through the academic year! As always, thank you very much for your continued support at home with the children's homework and your ongoing communication. To confirm, homework in Year 5 is set each Friday via Seesaw and expectations for this are that they will complete 1 maths task, 1 grammar or comprehension task (alternated), 1 spelling task and will be expected to read 5 times at home per week. If your child does not have access to Seesaw, please let your child's class teacher know, who will be more than happy to support. We do encourage this to be completed weekly in order to prepare your child in the best possible way for high school and the increased amount that we anticipate will be set for them.

→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. PE this half term is Athletics so we hope, weather permitted, to complete this outdoors and children should bring in PE kit suitable for this.

→Children should not bring their own pencil cases or stationery 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.

→ 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.

### Residential

The Year 5 team are looking forward to supporting your children on their residential in May. This is the first time the children have experienced a residential in 2 years so we can imagine the excitement and also the nerves from yourselves and your children.

The residential is an opportunity to combine numerous curriculum links and most importantly, providing fun and experiences. If you have any questions, as always contact a member of the Year 5 team.

Class 16: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Class 17: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Class 18: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022



### Reading

Your child will take part in Guided Reading sessions with their teacher daily and will continue to work through their class text and Author Study. Please support your child's reading progress by sending your child's homework diary 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 or guardian once per week** to support this. For children who are no longer reading book banded books, they can choose to read a variety of texts, including newspapers, leaflets or fiction books!

Our Author study for this half term is **Christopher Thompson** and the book we will be reading, as part of our Pathways reading sessions and at the end of the day, is called **The Last Wild by Piers Torday**

### Writing

In English, 'The Paperbag Prince', which links perfectly with our new author study. We will be building the children's persuasive knowledge, selecting appropriate language for an audience and many more Year 5 expectations. The book links perfectly with prior learning in Science about habitats and pollution.

### Maths

In maths, we will be focusing on consolidating their knowledge of decimals, before moving onto percentages. Maths lessons will continue to run alongside while arithmetic sessions which will focus on the four operations and place value. Children will continue to be tested 3 times a week with their times tables. To support this, please encourage your child to log on to TTRockstars and complete the fun activities that are there. As always, if your child needs a log in, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

### Science

In science, we will be beginning our states of matter topic focusing on the children building their working scientifically skills, utilising the equipment within school. The children will have the chance to link this topic to their previous Science topic of Forces. Here, they will investigate how the forces act upon us, on our planet and beyond. They will participate in this whilst Working Scientifically through lots of investigations!



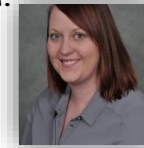
### Wider Curriculum

As well as our core subjects of Maths, English, Reading and Science, we will also be starting our newest topics this half term in Religious Education, Modern Foreign Language, Music and Computing - so lots to look forward to! In our weekly PSHCE sessions where the children will have the opportunity to discuss their thoughts, feelings and begin to encourage a positive self-esteem.

Please be aware that the safety of the children and staff continues to be paramount and therefore, we are unable to speak to any parents on the class doors at both the start and end of the day. Please feel free to get in touch with your child's class teacher via email if you have any queries or concerns or, alternatively, you are welcome to telephone the school office to reach us.

Once again, a huge warm welcome back!

The Year 5 Team.



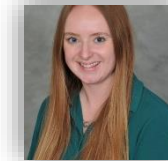
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