



Spring 2 Newsletter Year 6

A huge warm welcome back to our new half term to all of our lovely parents and Year 6 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 6 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 Rounders 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.

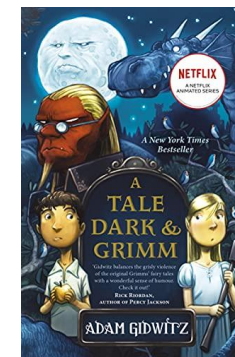
Please see your child's class teacher should you require a copy of this.
→ Children must not come into school in trainers or with jewellery. If your child needs to come for a particular reason, please discuss this with your child's class teacher.

World Book Day 2022

We are very excited for our upcoming World Book Day this week, to relaunch the children's love of reading as they come into school dressed as their favourite book character, ready to share their passion (which is this half term's school value) for their chosen book and comparing and contrasting modern retellings of traditional tales with historical traditional tales using the text: A Tale of Dark and Grimm.

Through this, we hope to continue to maintain the children's positive attitudes to reading and understanding a wide range of texts, increase their familiarity with a wide range of genres and in particular, traditional tales and modern fiction and to make comparisons within and across books.

We can't wait to work out and guess each other's books as the children come dressed to impress on Thursday!



Transition to Secondary School

As we move into Spring 2, although it still feels very early to mention Secondary schools, children across Year 6 will begin to find out which high school they will be going to come September 2022. For many of our children this is a very exciting time, but we understand that for some children this can be quite an anxious period, particularly if your child has not been successful in their first choice of school. Throughout this half term and as we move into Summer, we will begin to send out more information about the transition process, including transition days or weeks that schools will offer

in the Summer term and we will update our school website with the latest information as it comes through.

If you have any initial concerns regarding the transition process, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to support.

Reading

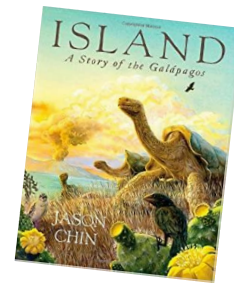
Your child will take part in Guided Reading sessions with their teacher each week. Following one of their Guided Reading sessions, we will send home a copy of their book banded text, if appropriate for their ability and stage. It is expected that children will re-read the chapter or section that they have been focusing on in class to build fluency and pace. Please support us 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 Katherine Rundell and the book we will be reading as part of our Pathways reading sessions and at the end of the day is called 'The Explorer'.

Writing

In English, we will begin our new book, 'Island by Jason Chin', which links perfectly with our new science topic: 'Evolution and Inheritance'. In particular, we will be building the children's skills to write a journalistic hybrid report in a few weeks, focusing on up levelling their use of formal punctuation and language, building to including colons, semi-colons and bullet points when structuring their writing as a report.

Maths



In maths, we will be focusing on consolidating their knowledge of fractions and decimals, before moving onto percentages, including calculating percentages, in a few weeks' time, while continuing to recap their arithmetic skills of the four operations and place value.

Science

In science, we will be beginning our biology topic of Evolution and Inheritance, focusing on the children building their working scientifically skills, utilising the equipment within school and

encouraging the link to maths when data collecting and analysing. We cannot wait to continue challenging them and exploring this subject together.

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 and we look forward to speaking with you all soon in our upcoming Parents' Evening!

The Year 6 Team.

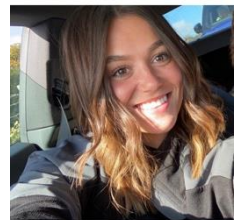
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