Chapelford Village Primary School
Year 5 Newsletter
Autumn Term 2

Welcome back!

A huge, warm welcome back to our Autumn 2 term! We hope everyone has enjoyed a restful half term break and that the children are feeling refreshed, motivated and ready for another exciting half term of learning and new experiences.

One of our biggest highlights will be our exciting residential visit to Robinwood! This will provide fantastic opportunities for the children to step outside their comfort zones, try new activities and develop their teamwork, independence and resilience. We look forward to seeing them support one another, overcome challenges and make some wonderful memories along the way!

Swimming lessons and brass sessions will also continue throughout this half term, giving the children further opportunities to develop their skills, confidence and musical abilities.

Finally, please remember that if you have any questions or concerns, we are always happy to help. Feel free to pop in and see us after school, drop us an email or contact the school office to arrange an appointment. We really value your continued support and the partnership between home and school.



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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.

Homework

Homework will be sent out each week on a Friday and will be due in the following Thursday. Each week the children will receive Maths homework, spelling homework and either a reading comprehension or a grammar activity. The children also have a log in 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.

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.
- Children must bring their brass instruments in with them on a Thursday for their tuition.

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English

Class texts: The Lost Happy Endings and Hansel and Gretel



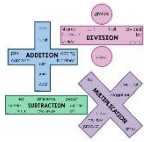
This half term, in English, the children will be focusing on the audience and purpose of their writing and how this effects the language they use within different genres of text. The children will also develop their understanding and application of paragraphs and fronted adverbials. They will continue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

Using Hansel and Gretel, there will be a focus on developing the children's reading skills, with a specific focus on retrieving and inference skills. This links great to The Lost Happy Endings as it links with the fairy tale theme.

Maths

This half term, the children will be completing their topic of addition and subtraction for numbers up to one million. This includes reading and writing numbers, ordering and comparing numbers, using formal and mental methods. The children will have lots of opportunities for investigating, exploring and reasoning with these concepts.

They will then start to look at multiplication and division.



Science

This half term, the children in Year 5 will be completing their topic of Animals including humans. Here, the children will explore how influential people supported life cycles. The children will enjoy experiments and discovering a deeper understanding about life cycles of plants and animals.

PE

Children will develop their passing and dribbling skills. They will also continue to explore how to react/move their body to quickly change direction.



RE

In RE, the overarching question for Year 5 will be, Why is it sometimes difficult to do the right thing? Autumn 2 looks at the religion Islam.

Design Technology

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



MFL – French

In French, year 5 will discover where they live, their local area and Christmas words in French.



Art

This term the children will be developing their collaging skills. The children will create their own pieces of artwork using a new techniques.

History



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

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.

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.

PSHE

During PSHE, we will be ensuring the children are settling in to their routine positively. Alongside this, we will be learning about careers; skills and attributes needed in later life and within the community.