

Chaffinch Class Newsletter



September 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to Chaffinch Class, I hope you have all had a lovely summer and the children are as excited for the new term as I am. The curriculum map for this term is on our class page. Our topic is 'School Days' and we will be exploring life in Victorian Times, comparing school life then to now. This is an exciting period in time to delve into. We will ensure we keep you up to date with what is going on via our Class Dojo stories!

PE

PE days in Chaffinch Class will be on a Monday and Tuesday - please can you ensure your children come to school in their PE kit on these days. This will be reviewed after October half term. It is still crucial that all PE kit is labelled, as jumpers and cardigans are often taken off and it is difficult to return these to the correct owner if they are not named.

Reading

We will aim to hear children read as frequently as possible in Chaffinch Class. Reading is at the heart of all our learning. The children will have daily phonics lessons to support their decoding and spelling of unfamiliar words. Please could you ensure you read regularly with your children at home and use their reading record to communicate their progress with us - these will be checked regularly.

Year 2 children will have a focus on spelling patterns in their phonic sessions and we will be ensuring they have secure comprehension of the texts they are reading.

Homework

Children will be sent home weekly spellings. These may link to the common exception words or the phonic sounds the children have been taught throughout the week. Year 2 will have separate spellings to Year 1. I have attached a home learning grid as well with links to our topic 'School Days'. Please could the Year 1 children aim to complete at least three of these tasks and the Year 2 children aim for five.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is the reward chart system we will be continuing to use. This will allow the children to earn valuable points when demonstrating excellent behaviour, being kind to others, producing some wonderful work or following our school values. This is an amazing tool as it allows you to see how the children are progressing, so you can continue to celebrate their successes. Points can be taken

away for undesirable behaviour - when this is done, we will ensure the children understand why this has happened.

In Chaffinch, Class Dojo is also used a tool to share with you what the children have been doing in their school day. This can be used as a talking point for the children in an evening; parents discussing what the children have been up to is a great way of embedding new learning. Please check your child's Dojo regularly to find out more about life in Chaffinch Class.

Food Allergies/Medicine

Please ensure the school knows of any food allergies that your child may have. Our school first aiders are able to administer prescribed medication from a doctor to the children - please ensure that this is given to the appropriate adult and the correct forms are filled in.

I am excited for your child to become part of or continue to be a part of the Chaffinch Class team.

Finally, please feel free to speak to me if you have any concerns about anything.

Mrs Johnson