



Northchapel Primary School

Growing kind and curious children who aspire to succeed.

Grasshopper Class

Summer term 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a fantastic Easter, with plenty of time to rest and unwind along with lots of chocolate and treats. As we enter into the summer term, the children have lots of exciting things to look forward to and hopefully some sunny weather to help us get out and about as well!

During the summer term children will be looking at our local history, thinking about how Northchapel and the surrounding area used to look and who might have lived here. Children will use a selection of sources to explore what everyday life might have been like and see the changes that have taken place up to now. Children will also be learning about Europe and the countries that surround us, thinking about their similarities and differences, along with their social dynamics and geographical features. In science the class will explore how to work scientifically, and what this looks like in a career as a scientist. Children will think about how we can use different sources to gather data and information, and how this is important for finding out and testing a new hypothesis.

HOMEWORK:

Reading: Please read with your child every day. We expect children to read for 15 minutes each day and children will plan to change the books when they are finished. Please also discuss the book with your child, as it is important that they can answer questions on the texts as well as expression opinions, using the information they have read to back these up. Ideally, we ask that you make a note of their responses in their reading record book after each discussion. If you would like another copy of sample questions to ask your children whilst they are reading, please get in touch and I can easily send them over. We have also been using a sticker chart to keep track of those children who are reading regularly at home, and those who read 4 or more times a week receive a sticker and certificate on Fridays. We have seen huge improvements with the amount of reading being completed at home, and in turn their ability and resilience to reading in all lessons within class.... So please keep up the super work!!

Maths: Year 2: *Number bonds:* Children need to continue learn their number bonds to 10 and 20, making sure they have quick recall of these. For example, what do you add to 7 to make 10? Once they know these to 10 they can move on to number bonds to 20. *Times tables:* Year 2 should be focusing on 2,5,10 times tables, working towards quick recall of these.

Year 3/4: Times tables with quick recall for 2,5,10,3,4,6 and 8 times tables. Once they are fluent in their times tables, they can begin to look at the inverse (divide) for these number facts. Year 4 will take part in the statutory times tables test in the summer term, so this will be very beneficial to aid them with this. Please make use of the school's subscription to TT Rockstars, each child has a log in which was sent home at the start of last term, but please email me if you are unsure what your child's is. This programme tailors the questions to each individual child depending on their ability, so it is a very useful resource to target those areas the children are weaker in. Children will be sending home a weekly maths sheet. This will go home on Fridays and be returned the following Friday.

Spellings: Appropriate spelling lists will be sent home once a week on Fridays and the children will be assessed on a weekly basis. Children will also be taught / practise spellings in school.

Homework grid: Each term the class will receive a homework grid with different homework tasks on. Children will need to choose 3 tasks to complete from the grid. These should then be brought into school to share with the rest of the class. The homework grid will be attached, please do get in touch if you do not receive one or it becomes lost.

P.E. – P.E days will be *Thursday* afternoons, please come dressed in your *named* PE kits on Thursday ONLY. Plimsolls/ trainers will stay at school. Swimming will take place on Friday mornings, please send in swimming kit and a towel in a bag, to get changed at school.

Water bottles – Please could you ensure your child has a named water bottle in school. There are spare bottles in school if you are unable to provide one.

If you have any questions or concerns about the term ahead, please feel free to get in touch via email or in person.

Yours sincerely,

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