



Northchapel Primary School

*growing kind and curious children who aspire to succeed*

# Caterpillar Class

Spring term 2024



## Staff Team

Mrs Moore, Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Lintott & Mrs Overton

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term, it looks set to be a busy and exciting one! Our topic this half term is 'Animals', and we will be spending time learning about a range of animals, with a particular focus on Australian animals. From June, we will be exploring 'The Great Outdoors'. Please see our year group specific curriculum maps for more information.

## Communication

Some updates on how communication will be maintained henceforth:

- **Purple communication books** are becoming redundant with immediate effect – instead, we will communicate significant injuries (those which required first aid) and events with you via email or upon your child's collection from school.
- **Class Dojo** will be used ONLY for awarding positive behaviour in class and does not require parent accounts or input.
- **MCAS** will continue to be used to log negative/behaviour events as a centralised record.
- **Email** will also be used to distribute class specific communication, such as homework grids and topic overviews.

Going forward, if you have a question, concern or something you need to alert me to, please email me at [nmoore@northchapelprimary.co.uk](mailto:nmoore@northchapelprimary.co.uk). Emails will be checked by me daily during working hours and I will respond to you as soon as practicable. If you have an urgent need, for example, an absence or a change to collection arrangements that day, please notify the office.

## Homework (including reading)

Year 1 – Please refer to the half termly homework grid and the Northchapel Primary School homework policy which sets out expectations in maths, spellings and topic work for ALL year 1 children. Topic work to be submitted on Monday mornings for children to 'show and tell' through the week.

*Reception – Green Books: Please continue to work on word and sentence level for past letter sounds. We will now be introducing vowel sounds and digraphs, such as 'ai' as in aim. Your child can hunt for the grapheme in texts, write words containing it, and even write silly sentences. We will be introducing more handwriting/letter formation in class, but being able to orally segment a word, with new graphemes taught, will really support their developing writing and reading skills.*

*Remember, book change days are Mondays and Thursdays. If your child is an avid reader, here is a resource reminder for additional reading where you can find e-: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/>*

## Summer term attire

As the weather heats up, a reminder that EVERY child needs a clearly named water bottle in school every day. Suncream should be applied at home before school, if your child needs to top up at lunch time, they must do this themselves using their personal, clearly named bottle. Sunhats to be brought in on sunny days as well please, we have limited shade in the garden.

As we can expect a typically British spring/summer, please also ensure your child has a named jumper/cardigan and light, waterproof coat and wellies in school. If your child is planning to wear summer dresses, they must be worn

with white socks, plain black or navy cycle shorts are optional underneath summer dressed, but no patterned/denim etc please.

### **Show and Tell**

A reminder that toys and trinkets are not to be brought in to school please. If your child would like to 'Show and Tell', you can send in photos via Tapestry or Email which we can share, bring in certificates/ achievements and of course, topic grid homework to inspire others.

### **Forest School**

Year 1 will have their last 2 Forest School on Wednesday afternoons on April 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

Reception will have 6 forest school on Wednesday afternoons as follows:

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Swimming**

Please can children bring in their swimming costume, towel, and swimming hat in a named bag on their swimming dates. Dates can be found on the school calendar on the website.

Reception have swimming on **MONDAY AFTERNOONS** (commencing 29<sup>th</sup> April).

Year 1 will join Grasshopper Class for swimming on **FRIDAY MORNINGS** (commencing 19<sup>th</sup> April).

### **PE**

Will take place led by Mrs Gibbs, supported by Mrs Overton on **Wednesday afternoons**.

Please can Reception wear their PE kit to school on Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please can Year 1 wear their PE kit to school on Wednesdays from May 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Sports Day is due to take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, with the reserve day of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Families are invited to join us in the morning from 9am and stay for a BYO picnic lunch. There will NOT be races in the afternoon as in previous years.*

We are excited to commence our learning journey this term.

Mrs Nikki Moore

Class Teacher