



Northchapel Primary School
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Grasshopper Class



Summer term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a super Easter, with plenty of time to rest and lots of chocolate! We have had a great week back and the children have returned with a super attitude to their learning, a brilliant way to start the summer term.

During the summer term we will be looking at the Romans, thinking about what life was like during those times, and seeing how they have influenced the way we live our lives even in modern times. After half term we will be delving into the rainforest, identifying what a rainforest is like and where in the world they can be found. If your child has any books on these topics, they would be most welcome to bring them in to share with the class.

P.E. will be on *Thursday* mornings, along with swimming. Please ensure your child has appropriate swimming attire, towel, goggles and hat. These should be brought in to school in a suitable bag to keep their damp items away from other school resources within their usual school bags. Please also ensure these items are named clearly.

HOMEWORK:

Reading: Please read with your child every day. We expect children to read for 15 minutes each day and we 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. Question prompt sheets to support this are in the front or reading record books.

Maths: Weekly maths homework which links to the current learning will be sent home on Fridays and is due in on Friday the following week. In addition, please support your children in learning: *Number bonds*- Children need to 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 focus on 2,5,10 and 3 times tables with quick recall. Year 3 work through 2,5,10,3,4,6 and 8 times tables with quick recall. Once they are fluent in their times tables, they can begin to look at the inverse (divide) for these number facts. Please do use TTRockstars to help them practise this. It is a super resource and can make times tables practise fun and engaging.

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

Homework grid: You will also have received a homework grid. Children need to choose 2 tasks from the grid to complete this half term. These should be handed in to myself or Mrs Irvine once completed and will be shared with the rest of the class.

Water bottles – Please could you ensure your child has a named clear water bottle in school. There are spare bottles in school if you are unable to provide one, please let me know if you require one. All school items should be named, and children should be sent in each day with the correct uniform: a school jumper, waterproof coat, sun hat and wellies (for those rainy days!). As the temperature gets warmer, please could

you also apply sun cream to children before coming into school. If you have any questions or concerns about the year ahead, please feel free to get in touch via email or in person.

Yours sincerely,

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