



Northchapel Primary School

growing kind and curious children who aspire to succeed

Caterpillar Class

Summer term 2025



Staff Team

Mrs Moore & Mrs Lintott

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 'We Are Going On A... Hunt', and we will be spending time exploring language around textures and natural treasures as well as identifying and growing a variety of plants. From June, we will be exploring modern takes on traditional tales linked to farming, growing and food production. Please see our year group specific curriculum maps for more information.

Communication

Following the letter to parents towards the end of the Spring term regarding communication:

- **Yellow Forms** will be used to communicate minor incidents including illness, first aid and minor behaviour.
- **Emails** will be sent to notify parents of major incidents and those requiring restorative action (as outlined in our relational behaviour policy).
- **Face-to-face meeting** if there are repeated behavioural incidents, I will invite you for a meeting to discuss steps to support your child moving forward.

Going forward, if you have a question, concern or something you need to alert me to, please email me at 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 – Phonics 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-books to supplement those sent home:

<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 our outdoor spaces.

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.

Forest School

N/A this term.

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.

ALL of Caterpillar Class have swimming on **THURSDAY AFTERNOONS** (commencing 1st May).

PE

Will take place led by Mrs Gibbs, supported by Mrs Lintott on **Tuesday afternoons** and children should arrive in the morning wearing suitable school PE kit.

*Sports Day is due to take place on **Friday 23rd May** please keep an eye out on the School Calendar and Monday Messenger for more details.*

We are excited to commence our learning journey this term.

Mrs Nikki Moore

Class Teacher