



Northchapel Primary School
Growing kind and curious children who aspire to succeed.

Dragonfly Class



Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting autumn term. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break. I'm really looking forward to hearing what everyone got up to over the next few weeks.

It's lovely to be starting the term on a calmer note compared to last year's disruption caused by the flood. This term, we'll continue to focus on our school ethos of being SAFE, KIND and READY. Pupils will be encouraged to grow as learners, strengthening their resilience, independence and curiosity, just as they did last year. We'll also be celebrating our seven learning values, the 7 Cs: Confidence, Craftsmanship, Creativity, Collaboration, Curiosity, Communication and Commitment.

To help children prepare for secondary school and develop independence, they'll be bringing home a diary in due course. This will be used for recording homework, reminders and reading progress. If you need to contact me, please email me directly at ccousens@northchapelprimary.co.uk as the diary isn't used for parent-teacher communication.

Maths homework will be set every Friday and is due back on Wednesday. Pupils will have weekly spelling and times tables tests on Thursdays, so regular practice at home is important. We'd love for children to read daily, aiming for around 20 minutes, and your support with this would be invaluable. We'll aim to hear each child read at least once a week in school. TT Rockstars will remain part of our routine, and all children should have their login details. Continued use at home is encouraged to reinforce their times tables skills.

Later in the academic year, Year 6 pupils will take their Key Stage 2 SATs during the week starting 11th May. Year 4 pupils will complete a statutory times tables test in June 2026. We'll share more information closer to the dates. PE with South Coast Sports will continue Thursday mornings, so please ensure children arrive at school wearing their PE kit on that day. A pair of wellies and a coat should be kept at school for wet weather. Swimming will also be happening on Thursday mornings, so a reminder about swimming kits, please. Forest School will take place on Tuesday afternoons with Mrs Edwards. If anyone could kindly volunteer to help with these sessions as an extra adult, we would be hugely grateful. This term we will also have a trip to Buster Farm. This will be after half-term to help us explore our topic of the Anglo Saxons. We will be looking for volunteers/drivers to help us on this exciting trip, so do please let us know.

Dragonfly Class will also continue with Talk Time, where pupils prepare short presentations on topics of their choice. This helps build confidence and public speaking skills, and your support at home would be appreciated. Most children will have already completed one of these, but I will be talking to the whole class about this so that the children coming up are aware of what it is about. Attached are the curriculum overview and homework grid for the term to help keep you informed.

Mrs Kirby and I are truly excited for the term ahead and can't wait to celebrate the children's achievements. We hope their enthusiasm for learning shines as brightly as ever.

Kind regards,
Ms Cousens and Mrs Kirby