



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

Grasshopper Class

Spring term 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had lovely Christmas and New Year, with plenty of time to rest and unwind with friends and family. As we enter into the Spring term, the children have lots of exciting things to look forward to.

During the Spring term children will be learning all about mountains. We will discover how they are formed and how this relates to the local landscape. We will discover what the environment is like on top of a mountain and compare this to more habitable areas that humans live in, answering the big question – Could you survive up a mountain?! We will use a selection of resources to explore the topic in greater depth. We will also be looking at Ancient Greece, locating and exploring this period of time on a timeline, and exploring what life was like back then. We will learn about their daily life and beliefs, immersing ourselves in their culture. Our trip to The British Museum will provide first hand opportunities to look at ancient artefacts in detail and help to introduce our topic.

HOMEWORK:

Reading: Please read with your child every day. We expect children to read for 15 minutes each day and we will give each child a couple of books at a time to work through, these will then be changed once they have completed them. Please take some time to 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. Please make a note of their responses in their reading record book after each discussion, and log any books they have read at home (alongside their school books)- this will be checked each day in school. We will be attaching a sheet of questions into their reading record books to use as prompts. Reading is such an important part of learning and has huge beneficial impacts in all subject areas, so please do support your children with this.

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: *Times tables* with quick recall for 2,5,10 times tables. Once they are fluent in their times tables, they can begin to look at the inverse (divide) for these number facts and move on to 3 and 4 times tables after. Please make use of the school's subscription to TT Rockstars, each child has a log in which is glued into the front of their reading record book- please get in touch should this get lost and another one can be issued. 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 should 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 2 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* mornings, please come dressed in your *named* PE kits on Thursday ONLY. Plimsolls/ trainers will stay at school. Swimming will also take place on Thursday mornings, please send in swimming kit and a towel in a bag, to get changed at school. Please note, swimming will only be for the first two weeks back.

Forest School – Forest School will take place on a Friday afternoon. Children will need to come dressed in appropriate Forest School clothes – long trousers and top, warm socks jumper and coat, wellies and gloves, scarf and woolly hats. Please also send children in with waterproof trousers (even if it is dry weather). It is **very** important that children are dressed appropriately, it can get very cold and wet in the woods and all children need to be prepared for this so they can have a positive and fun experience.

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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