

Chalmondeley Class



Welcome back!

This leaflet will tell you about this terms areas of learning and when P.E. kits, homework and reading books need to be in school. Your teachers are Miss Ord and Mrs Williams.

English

This term will begin with poetry and fiction writing, followed by non-fiction work related to our Ancient Greece research theme. We will continue with Extended Writing sessions each Wednesday to develop children's fictional and non-fictional writing skills. Spellings will be given each week and sent home as part of homework. Pupils will be given a spelling test in school on a Friday but regular testing will take part each day. This term we will also be focusing on developing reading and understanding of a range of texts. Read with your child at home and comment in their home reading book to help with this. Please ensure that they bring their home reading book into school every day. There will be a real focus on accuracy for punctuation and grammar within written work, including use of more complex

Maths

Maths will begin with a focus on pupils' mental methods and number work based on place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will use negative numbers and learn to identify factors, multiples and prime numbers. We will study fractions, decimals and percentages and learn to convert between them, finding different quantities of amounts. Children will be developing their geometry skills, using knowledge of shape, space and measure to solve complex problems. Pupils will also be given a short mental maths test each week. Learning and practising

Science

This terms Science focus will be on Earth and Space, Forces and then Living things and their Habitats. Throughout these topics, pupils will get the chance to use various equipment to plan and carry out investigations. They will be encouraged to generate and ask scientific questions, make sensible predictions and explain their results. We will look closely at results and analyse data to generate conclusions and carry out evaluations on the investigations we carry out. We encourage the children to develop their own

Cross-Curricular work

During the first half term, pupils will study *The Ancient Greeks*. There will be a focus on chronology and how different events affected different eras. We will also be reading and performing a variety of poetry to develop Speaking and Listening skills. In the second half term, we will be reading the book *'Shackleton's Journey'* with a particular focus on Frozen Kingdoms.

PE

This term's PE lessons will begin with throwing and catching, developing accuracy skills with long distance throws and correct techniques and skills to use depending on which ball is used and which game is played. The second half term will focus on Net and Wall games and how to use tactical skills. Full school PE kit must be in school for all three sessions.

Art

Children will have the opportunity to work with the specialised teaching of Mr Barrow in art to develop presentational work whilst developing and refining a range of skills. The children will also explore Greek mosaics and design their own mosaic to go on display.

Music

Mrs Shakespeare will teach music on Wednesday. Children will also join the choir on Fridays. Year six will have the opportunity to apply to learn to play the violin.

Important things to remember



- Full school P.E. kit (plain white t-shirt and black/navy shorts) is needed on Monday (keep fit), Wednesday (dance) and Thursday (PE).
- **READING BOOKS** need to be brought into school every day with reading record book. Parents are encouraged to write in their child's reading record book when pupils have read at home.
- **HOMEWORK** will be set every Thursday and will be due back in school the following Tuesday. Pupils will also be given spellings to learn and times tables to practise.

Please offer your child support and encouragement to complete homework. If it proves too difficult at times please don't let your child worry. We will go over all the work back in school.

If you have any concerns or issues, don't hesitate to speak to me after school or make an appointment.

To ensure there is fairness throughout, children are asked to wear full school uniform and remove all jewellery other than studs or a watch. Nail varnish should be removed for school and black shoes must be worn.

There will be regular updates of what Cholmondelys are up to in their school day. So feel free to visit our