



Chaffinch Parent Overview Autumn Term



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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to the Summer Term in Chaffinch class. The children have already been working hard and have settled brilliantly, we are very proud of their positive start and learning attitudes. The class we have learned lots of new skills over the year and will consolidate them over the next term in the different areas of the curriculum.

It was lovely to have a face-to-face parents evening at the end of term and share some of the work the children have completed. Please find the class overview below which further outlines learning expectations for this term.

We have an exciting and busy term ahead with trips, sports events, sports days, KS2 production and leavers events! So please read any communications carefully.

Thank you for your continued support and please ask if you have any queries.

Kindest regards, Mrs Brewer and Mrs Verran

English

Writing will be influenced by a variety of fiction and non-fiction books including: *Secrets of a Sun King*, reference books and film clips. There will be a range of writing opportunities including: a real-life recount, diary writing, a newspaper report, and non-chronological reports: with a focus on settings, characters & plot and more with the development of grammatical structures; all inspired by the books. We will be moving onto poetry linked to the artist LS Lowry towards the end of term.

Any practice of sentence structure, the correct use of punctuation, spellings and neat cursive handwriting would certainly benefit your child. *Frequent editing is essential.* Doodle English will support this.

Guided Reading

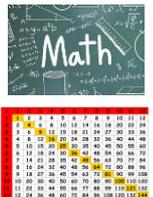
Throughout the week your child will participate in a range of reading activities. An adult will listen to them read within a small reading group and independently, the reading record books are stamped accordingly. We will be using our class book – *Secrets of a Sun King* and a range of reading comprehension papers linked to our topics as well as others.

Year 6 will also complete their SATS in Reading and Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation. Year 5 will be doing assessments associated with this too.



Mathematics

The children will be recapping and embedding the knowledge associated Geometry and Angles that we started last term. They will then be looking at 3D shapes and nets. We will also complete a module of work associated with Position and Direction as well as Statistics. They will also be further developing the skills associated with Addition & Subtraction and Multiplication & Division, including formal written methods. They will solve number and reasoning problems that involve all of the above and with increasingly large positive numbers. We will continue working on tackling multi-step problems. Plus Year 6 have their SATS and Year 5 have assessments too.



Science

First we will be completing our topic 'Evolution and Inheritance' and then we will be moving onto 'Living Things and their Habitats'. In this children will explore the world of classification and learn and discover how to crack codes and discovering interesting facts from the world of classification. Children will identify a range of living things right on your back door step; and explore creatures further afield as well. Children will then design their own new creatures that fit within the classification system.



ICT

The children will be using Purple Mash and working on the unit titled 'Game Creator'. They will analyse games, design and create their own games. Plus they will be using the computers to produce different pieces of work across the curriculum as well as do research.



RE

Children will be following the Understanding Christianity unit as well as the Living differences where the focus will be learning about Sikhism. Year 6 will be taking part in activities preparing for their leavers' service at Winchester Cathedral too.



<p>History Your child will study the Ancient Egyptians – their history, social patterns, artwork and artefacts, their influence on today’s modern society and more.</p>	
<p>Geography Our Geography will link to our History topic and we will be studying Egypt as a country – its location and features. We will focus on the River Nile and its usage back in 1922 as well as now, 100 years later.</p>	
<p>Art and DT Your child will explore their own ideas by using a range of media including pencil/pastel/paint to explore their own ideas. They will create pieces of art based on our topics and reading. Your child will also design, make and evaluate a range of products linked to our topic. We will also be using clay to produce some models based on our History topic.</p>	
<p>PSHE We are continuing to use the SCARF scheme of work that the children have been really engaged with over the last term. We will be studying Rights and Responsibilities for the first half of this term and then Growing and Changing after half term – more details to follow.</p>	
<p>PE Your child will be working on athletics, tennis, cricket and rounders skills and putting these into practice. There will also be some opportunities to represent Longparish at different sporting events.</p>	
<p>Music and Drama We have just invested in a new scheme of work called ‘Charanga’, this looks very exciting and we be starting with this during this term. We will also be launching our KS2 Summer Production which will contain lots of songs to learn as well as auditioning and learning parts to perform.</p>	
<p>German The children will be learning more about how to have conversations using German greetings and talk about themselves. They will also be learning names for food and drink with a particular focus on fruit and vegetables. This will then be put into a shopping scenario.</p>	
<p>House Points and Class Reward As well as getting House Points for their learning and positive behaviour, you child is rewarded for their learning by collecting marbles in a jar. Once the jar is full a class reward is agreed by all. One of our treats this term will be a trip to Pizza Express to make our own pizzas and eat back at school. This is will be on 8th June.</p>	
<p>Homework Expectations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A main homework task will continue to be set each week on a Friday to complete. It will vary by subject and type of task each week and always link to what we are doing in class to reinforce learning. ➤ Read, read, read! Encourage your child to read at home as much as possible. They can do this independently or with you. Please write a comment in their reading record book about what they have read and remember to sign it. At school your child will complete an on-line Accelerated Reader quiz and a book review once they have finished reading a book. Check your child’s reading book level on the Accelerated Reader Book Finder website: www.arbookfind.co.uk and see reading record book for ZPD level. ➤ Guided Reading - your child will be given a guided reading book and the expectation is to read the indicated chapters on the homework sheet before their guided reading session each week. ➤ Spellings – a weekly set of spelling will be sent home on a Friday – these will focus on a spelling pattern and also include some topic words. These will be set on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Please remind them to use their 'LOOK, COVER, WRITE, CHECK' method to practice spellings daily. Children are guided to either ‘red, amber or green’ level of spellings. ➤ Encourage your child to log on to our home learning resource Doodle Maths, Tables, English, and Spell, as much as possible. Progress will be checked regularly so all children should aim to be on target (in the green). Please also complete challenges on Times Tables Rock Stars and practice those. ➤ A Doodle <u>Extra</u> homework task will be set every Friday, this task will link to the learning objective from Maths and Grammar. ➤ Help your child to learn their times tables ready for our 3 minute test on a Tuesday. Practice by repeating them over and over again. 	

