



Newsletter Friday 25th September 2020



Message from Mrs Grainger

The children are now well established in their new classrooms and the routines that are in place. Now, we can turn our attention to our core purpose - teaching. We are aware that children have missed a significant proportion of their learning last year whether they were in school or at nursery. However, our staff are highly skilled at identifying gaps and addressing these to ensure children catch up.

We remain committed to a broad and balanced curriculum. We recognise the importance of the core skills but rather than ignore all of the other areas of the curriculum, we are building basic skills into these subjects where we can, but also adding in extra short sharp bursts to refresh the children's recall of things they knew before lockdown.

Each class study a theme each half term learning key skills from the National Curriculum in a wide range of subjects. This will be supported by a quality text that introduces the children to new vocabulary and exciting adventures. For maths, we adopt a mastery approach using Mathematics Mastery in Years R- 4 and White Rose Maths in Y5-6.

Over the coming weeks, we will identify the children who may need a little more support to 'catch up' and will use the funds allocated in the most effective way we can to maximise the progress of our children.



Rock Garden

During lockdown, one of the weekly challenges we set was to paint a rock of something that reminds you of your time at Chadsmead or your time at home – we would love everyone to bring in their decorated rocks so that we can arrange them in our new garden area.

Bug-House Competition

There is still time to enter our competition! Think up a name for our new bug-house and send it to the school office by Friday 3rd October - the best / funniest will be chosen for the name plaque to be attached.



Years 1 & 2

In KS1 we have been very busy this week. We have been innovating our story 'How to catch a star' and making changes to it. We came up with our own ideas to change the character and what they wish for.

In maths, we have been counting, making number bonds up to 10, doubling and partitioning.

In theme, we have been looking at different materials and their properties. It has been a super week and we are learning lots and making great progress.

REMINDER: Spelling books sent in on Mondays. Homework books sent in on Tuesdays and Reading books sent in on Fridays please.

Years 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 have had a great week. We have been back to almost full strength and made good progress with our learning.

One of our daily tasks is the 3 minute times tables challenge, where the children have 3 minutes to see if they can answer 60 times tables questions as accurately as possible.

They have taken to this challenge avidly and are already improving. Our times tables currently are the 2s, 5s and 10s which we need the everyone to be able to do inside out, upside down, back to front, at the drop of a hat.

Please encourage your children to practise each night using Rockstar Times Tables. As teachers we cannot overstate the importance of having a sound knowledge of times tables.

Also spellings tests were a success as children continue to get tested every Friday.

Thank you for your support.

Individual School Photos only on 13th October

Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday 13th October to take individual children photographs only. Due to the current situation, there will be no sibling photographs this year.



Please help us continue to be a nut free school.

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have had a wonderful week hearing the pupils read the poems they had written about themselves. We have also been reciting the classic Rudyard Kipling poem, 'If.' In maths we have worked on place value with numbers including millions! Our ID theme work has involved taking our own fingerprints, identifying the loops, arches and whorls then representing our findings on graphs. We have begun to explore classification of living things.

Could we please remind parents to ensure pupils bring coats with them every day now that the weather is getting cooler - there have been some chilly break times already. Year 6 need to start preparing for Bikeability which takes place Fridays 2nd (next week) and 9th October. Bikes need to be checked and ready for school on those dates.

Bikeability Reminder – Fridays 2nd & 9th October

Year 6 children will be coming home with a letter next week informing them of which day they will be taking part in this year's Bikeability scheme.

Theme Day
Thursday October 1st



Wallace & Gromit
Pasta & Sauce
With garlic/plain bread slice

Tomato based sauce with character pasta shapes

Homemade Cottage Pie
& Vegetables
Ham or Tuna Sandwich
Cheese Baguette



Cheese or tuna Jacket Potato



Homemade Chocolate Cake