



Newsletter Friday 22nd January 2021



Message from Mrs Grainger

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and beginning to get into the rhythm of yet another way of living and working. As we move into our third week of this National Lockdown and remote learning, I would like to start by saying thank you. Thank you to all our children, who once again continue to amaze us with their resilience and positivity in ever changing circumstances. The way they have adapted to learning at home, or being in a critical worker bubble makes us incredibly proud. It has been a real delight to see all of their work sent into school.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the staff team. Making fast, alternative arrangements for the education of our whole school takes a real team effort. Due to everyone's commitment and hard work we have successfully put in place high quality remote learning whilst also ensuring our critical worker children are receiving the same provision at school.

I would like to thank all of our parents and carers too. Some of you are in the difficult position of trying to home school children and work at the same time. We do appreciate this is incredibly challenging and want to thank you for doing such a fantastic job. This week we have continued to receive positive feedback on our remote learning and critical worker provision and also messages of support and thanks. These kind words are really lifting everyone's spirits in school, so thank you, from all of us.



Getting in Touch

If you need to contact your child's teacher regarding remote learning, then please do so via the remote learning email address and not by emailing the school office. These are there for you and your child to let the teacher know how you have found the work and to clarify any questions you may have. Emails will be monitored by staff during school hours and responded to accordingly. Please note that all teachers are working in school so it may not be an instant reply.

Children in Reception	bubbleAlockdown2021@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk
Children in Years 1 and 2	bubbleBlockdown2021@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk
Children in Years 3 and 4	bubbleClockdown2021@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk
Children in Year 5	bubbleDlockdown2021@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk
Children in Years 6	bubbleElockdown2021@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk

The whole staff team are working so hard to enable us to offer the best for our children and families. ***Please ensure that any communication continues to be respectful, including any comments made in forums such as WhatsApp.***

As always, this incredible team are having to respond to completely new challenges on a daily basis and deserve the respect that so many of you always show. This partnership is crucial in ensuring our children have the very best life chances. Thank you for your continued support.

curriculum

What has your child been learning about in class this week?

Years 1 & 2

As this has been our last week on Town Mouse and Country Mouse we have been creating and writing our own invented tales using our own characters and events. We have had characters from crows to lambs and even monsters!

Apple and Elm's math's work has been based around practicing addition and subtraction strategies that we have learnt previously. Next week will involve counting in 10's so have a practice of this if you can!

Cherry's math's work has been completing multiplication involving 2's, 5's and 10's. It's really important to keep practicing these multiplication tables until you can say them quickly!

In theme we have learnt lots about what London was like during 1666 and compared it to life there now. We picked 1666 because something very significant happened in this year, I wonder if you have any clues of what it might be?

It has been lovely to see those of you at home on TEAMS, seeing your lovely smiley faces and the work that you have been producing at home!

Years 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 have worked hard this week. It has been nice to see how children are really putting so much effort into their work at home. Thanks very much to all parents as well for all the time and effort put into this. This is no easy task and we appreciate all you are doing at home to help us get through this situation.

Well done everyone!

We have had lots of great reading sent to school as well as people submitting their writing task and of course the maths. Please persevere with the maths even if you find it tricky. A daily dose of maths is invaluable even if not every single thing is covered. This is the same with all subjects and it is clear already that children are treating days as 'regular' school days.

We hope you are enjoying some PE too; as this theme we have been enjoying some yoga. This sort of activity is one which can really benefit the whole family and help lighten the mood!

Years 5 & 6

This week the children have enjoyed listening and reading Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman. In literacy, the Year 5s have been writing biographies on Malorie Blackman. Year 6 have been studying shape poems. The children have been very creative. In maths, the children have been studied coordinates in Year 6 and fractions Year 5. We are loving getting work sent in from home.



Critical Worker Provision

School remains very busy. We are experiencing significantly higher numbers of children coming into school than the first lockdown and demand for places has also increased week on week. We have had to deploy all our staff all of the time in school, releasing them when we can to engage with children learning at home. Government guidance does state that if there is a parent at home, you should endeavour to keep your children with you for their safety and for the safety of those children and staff in school. Being at school at this time **is not an entitlement**. When schools remain busy, they are still vectors of transmission. We do not want to have more children in school than really need to be here as we need to do everything we can to lower the infection rate. We continue to hope that all our combined efforts will very much shorten the duration of this lockdown, and we can get all of the children back to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation with this.