

Parrett & Axe

Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Chesil Class



I hope everyone had a relaxing Christmas! I'm sorry to say that with restrictions still in place there will be few chances for visitors into school this term. However, we still have some really interesting activities planned along with hopefully another concert, this time for Easter. Watch this space! Just a heads up, with materials as our science topic this term you may get an email or letter home asking for a few things to be brought in.

<p>English:</p> <p>Fiction - Rosie Revere Engineer: focus on sentence openers and conjunctions</p> <p>Non-fiction – Explanation texts</p>	<p>Maths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Multiplication and division ● Year 1 – numbers to 50 ● Year 2 - statistics 	<p>Topic:</p> <p>Pioneers – Look at different engineers and pioneers from Victorian and modern times</p>
<p>Art and DT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Building Bridges ● Designing an invention e.g. a flying car 	<p>RE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Islam 	<p>ICT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Internet Safety Day ● Research
<p>Science:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Materials 	<p>PSHE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Linked to Wellbeing Wednesday assemblies 	<p>Music:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sounds of machines (will continue throughout the whole term)

How you can help your child at home:

Reading: For both Year 1 and Year 2 reading is essential. Through great support from Mrs Swatridge and Mrs Dickinson, every child is heard read about 3x a week. However, reading at home is equally, if not more important. There are some children not reading at all at home. We are trying to develop a generation of readers, of confident children willing to discover the world around them. Please find 10 minutes a day to hear your child read. Whether before school, or while tea is cooking or as they get home from school. Remember your child gets a Dojo point for reading at least 3x a week **at home**.

Thank you all for embracing the 100 reads project this term. We now have a box in school with these books in. Your child will be asked to take one home to share with you. Just make sure it comes back when read.

Spellings: There were a few parents during parents evening meetings that expressed concern that the words being sent home were too easy. This was done on purpose. These common exception or tricky words

are those words that cannot be decoded and therefore cannot be sounded out when spelt. I have decided to keep the number of words at 5 so we can get through all Y1 and Y2 words before the summer. I promise they will get harder and it is still important that you look at these each week.

Maths: As we move on to multiplication and division, the focus will be on being able to count in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s (the latter for Y2), being able to double and half numbers to 20 and beyond and finally recognise and recite simple times tables. Any practise at home on these above will be great!

<p>PE kit: PE this term will still be on a Thursday for all children. It is imperative that they come suitably dressed for PE on these days. We cannot do PE indoors and will take place mostly on the field, so long trousers, trainers and a hoodie or jumper is a must. Please no shorts!</p>	<p>POWER Projects There is a new Power Project sheet for this term with many more activities. I apologise for the activities from last term and the difficulty involved with some of them. Hopefully these will be simpler.</p> <p>I have started making booklets with all the work in, to showcase the fantastic drawings, models etc. children (and parents) have done. These I hope will be available to look through when restrictions have lessened.</p>
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Thanks again for all your continued support and I know it is difficult to catch me at the start or end of the day but feel free to email me if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Copping