

Children in Year 4 & 5

By the end of the Year 5 children should:

know all their tables up to and including 12x tables.

be able to add & subtract: Numbers with more than 4 digits using efficient written method (column). up to 2 decimal places.

multiply & divide : 4 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers.

be able to read unfamiliar texts using a range of strategies and then draw inferences and justify with evidence from the text.

vary their voice for direct or indirect speech

be able to add phrases to make sentences more precise & detailed.

write using paragraphs that are linked.

use range of sentence openers - judging the impact or effect needed.

use brackets, dashes and commas to mark clauses.

use interesting language and be able to spell a range of words

Homework & PE Days

English: All children should read for at least 15 minutes daily. Please talk to your child about what they have read and sign the reading record.

Maths: Children need to be learning their times tables throughout the year.

Every fortnight on Friday, children will be given 'Signposts' homework. There will be two or three topic headings and children are asked to show what they know or what they can find out about each of the headings. Homework will be given out on alternate Fridays and due in on the Tuesday - date shown on the sheet.

Here is a helpful reminder for the week:

Daily: Reading records and books

Tuesday: PE kit
Homework returned to school

Wednesday: Art apron needed Spelling test

Thursday: P.E. kit

Friday: Home work goes home fortnightly

Your child will need their named PE kit, including blue/black shorts, white t-shirt and trainers and for safety reasons please remember that long hair needs to be tied back and earrings should not be worn on PE days. If it is outdoor games we are likely to go out when it is cold/damp so appropriate jogging bottoms and fleece/top will be needed. Please ensure all these items are named.

Chaffinch Learning Team



Summer 2017



Learning together for life!

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Meet the staff

Mr Jones and Mrs Millington are the teachers in Chaffinch class.
Mrs Williams and Ms Harvey are the teaching assistants in our class.

We are always happy to help. Make an appointment to come and see us after school if you have a problem. We hope all children have an enjoyable summer term in Chaffinch class.

Themes for the Summer Term

This term, we will be studying Ancient Greece. We will compare our own landscape and lifestyle with that of Greece and will find out how the Ancient Greeks lived and how we are still affected by their legacy today. We will also be studying life cycles and Rocks and Evolution in science. Our RE focus with Mrs Pemberton will be on Buddhism.

On Wednesdays, Mrs Millington will teach the class. In the afternoon, she will lead Art and D&T and Spanish. However, once swimming lessons at Melbourn Village College commence, this will affect the Wednesday timetable.

You can help by:

- talking to your children daily about what they have been learning;
- maybe pay a visit to the Fitzwilliam museum in Cambridge or the British Museum in London.
- Keeping a bedtime story going to really enhance children's understanding of more difficult texts. It's the BEST way to create great writers. To tie in with the Greek theme, Percy Jackson (or children's versions of the Greek myths could be good bedtime reads!)
- Helping them with their homework and remembering what they need to bring to school every day.

Health and Attendance

Regular attendance at school is vital for your child's education. If your child is absent from school for any reason school needs to know. Please telephone the school by 9.15 a.m. on the first day of absence.

If medicine is prescribed, arrangements can only be made for administration in school if the dosage is x4 daily. Parents are asked to complete a request form and all medicines must be handed to the office, in the original packaging clearly labelled with date, contents, pupil's name and dosage.

We do expect all children to bring their reading book and reading record book to and from school daily in a dedicated book bag

Spellings – YELLOW spelling folder

Spellings linked to spelling rules and patterns and word work in class will be **sent home on a Thursday** and will be **assessed in class the following Wednesday**.

Swimming lessons at Melbourn Village College will take place on Wednesdays. Dates to follow. We will require parental help with walking to and from MVC for these to go ahead. Please contact the office if you can help with these.