



Birch Class: Autumn Term 1 2020

Welcome back to Year 5 and a new school year.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is so lovely to see everyone back at school and we are so impressed by how quickly the children are adapting to the new systems in class and around school.

This half term's topic "*Sow, Grow and Farm*" has a geography and science focus. We will be sending out a homework ideas sheet for the children to choose from. The children need to choose at least two activities from the sheet. These will need to be emailed into school, or posted on Seesaw, by Thursday 22nd October so that we can celebrate and share the children's home learning with the class.

Lead topic subject/s: Geography and Science	The children will learn about farming in the United Kingdom and around the world. They will learn about food webs, including how living things are dependent on one another within a habitat. They will investigate the different ways that plants reproduce and will dissect flowering plants to identify the different structures. They will have the opportunity to learn about farming in the United Kingdom and the techniques used in modern farming, including the challenges that farmers face. They will learn about the benefits of eating seasonally and will prepare and cook their own seasonal food. They will also learn about world farming and how the different climate zones affect where different foods can be grown.
English	We try to link our English to our topic so we will be looking at Charlotte's Web, non-chronological reports and persuasive leaflets and debates. Children will have weekly spellings to practise which link to the National Curriculum expectations for Year 5/6. The spellings will be posted on Seesaw and tested on a Friday. More detailed information was sent out in the Friday Flyer.
Maths	Our focus this half term Monday to Wednesday is place value in 6-digit numbers, and formal written methods of addition and subtraction. On Thursday and Fridays, we will be learning about statistics and perimeter. Times tables and fluency in arithmetic skills will be ongoing.
RE	Incarnation: Was Jesus the Messiah?
P.E	P.E is taught regularly on Tuesdays and Fridays. Tuesday is outdoor PE so please ensure your child is wearing suitable clothing and footwear.

Reading

Reading continues to be a really important part of your child's home learning and we would encourage you to read with them daily. This can be them reading to you or you sharing a book with them. Unfortunately,

for the time being, we are not able to send the children home with school books. However, all children have a log in for Read Theory which focuses on comprehension of short texts. Also, local libraries have started opening, so please consider using these great services to support your child's love and learning of reading, if you haven't already.

Maths at home

Although the children will not be given set maths homework weekly, we hope that they will still practise their mental number skills: times tables and efficient methods to calculate mentally. All children also have a log in for TT Rockstars and Prodigy and these can be accessed from laptops, iPads and smart phones.

We look forward to teaching your children this year - they have made such a great start to Year 5. If you have any questions or concerns, we can be contacted by email: jseton@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk and kparkin@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk

Kind regards

Mrs Jo Seton and Mrs Katie Parkin (the Year 5 team)