



Birch Class: Autumn Term 1 2021

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, posted on Seesaw or brought into school by Monday 18th 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.
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 generally 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. Once the children have had the school's reading test, they will be given an appropriate reading book. Children will

also have a log in for Read Theory which focuses on comprehension of short texts. We would encourage children to go on this at least once a week as it will match the children's ability automatically. Also, local libraries are now open, so please consider using these great services to support your child's love and learning of reading, if you haven't already.

Spellings

Weekly spellings are posted on Seesaw on a Sunday/Monday and tested on a Friday. As well as the spellings on their list, they will be given an extra word that practises the spelling rule/pattern. They will also be given some words from previous weeks. The children will be given a Spelling Frame log-in should they wish to practise by playing games. However, it is recommended that spellings are practised by hand too, little and often. The spellings for Autumn 1 are:

Week beginning:	Spelling rule and common exception word
6 th Sept	ought, bought, thought, nought, brought, fought accommodate
13 th Sept	rough, tough, enough, cough, through accompany
20 th Sept	though, although, dough, thorough, borough according
27 th Sept	advice, advise, device, devise, licence, license achieve
4 th Oct	practice, practise, prophecy, prophesy, precede, proceed aggressive
11 th Oct	vicious, precious, conscious, delicious, malicious amateur
18 th Oct	ambitious, cautious, fictitious, infectious, nutritious ancient

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 will have a log in for TT Rockstars and Prodigy and these can be accessed from laptops, iPads and smart phones.

Useful dates

8 th September	Local walk (see separate letter) Meet the Teachers 3.15-4.00
25 th September	Macmillan Coffee own clothes day
6 th October	Author visit
8 th October	Tuppenny Barn visit – details to follow
19 th /20 th /21 st October	Parent consultations
22 nd October	Inset Day

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 sclark@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk

Kind regards

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