

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —



CLASS NEWSLETTER Spring 2023-2024

Year 1

Hope

Honesty

Resilience



Tolerance

Kindness

Love

Hello every one and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a magical and restful Christmas and New year. We can't wait to get stuck in with all of our fun learning that is ahead of us. As we head into the Spring term, there will be more of a focus and push on Phonics as the nearing date of the Phonics Screening Check is approaching. As always, we thank you for all of your continued support and we look forward to starting 2024 as we mean to go on!

PE DAY

Y1 PE day is **Wednesday**.

The children will attend school in their full PE kit (Plain white round neck T-shirt/ chapel end T-shirt with red sleeves; plain red shorts; plain red sweatshirt/ hoodie/ school jumper or cardigan; plain black jogging bottoms ,trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor physical activity.) Please note that earrings are not to be worn.

PE activities

This term our PE units are:

Athletics & fitness, send & receive, throw & catch and Gymnastics.



Please refer to our new homework policy on the school website to find information regarding your child's year group homework content. [7780444 \(chapelend.st-helens.sch.uk\)](http://7780444@chapelend.st-helens.sch.uk)

May we highlight that one page of Maths homework and new reading books will be issued on a Friday and any weekly quizzes will be completed on the following Thursday. Spellings and number quizzes will be set electronically on Dojo.

All homework activities will support your child's learning in school as they are directly linked to the objectives being taught in Reading, Phonics and Maths in class.

Your child will continue to bring their reading books home in their book bag. Please try and read with your child as least four times a week and comment and sign their phonics newsletter.

Water

Your child can bring a water bottle into school each day filled only with water please. Please also ensure that it is a non spill bottle with your child's name on.

Milk

Milk is available for your child each day. Please ensure that your child is wanting milk as a few say they do not like the milk yet are still down to have it daily.

Healthy Snacks

Your child can bring a healthy snack in for morning playtime - please ensure your child's name is on the snack as children often bring in similar or the same snacks. Fruit is also available for their afternoon snack.

English

In Year 1 this term we will be reading various texts including stories, instructions, and information books. Our main story this term is 'Prince Cinders' which is a retell of Cinderella with a twist.

In Phonics we are adding to our ever-growing list of Phase 5 sounds. This learning also includes 'harder to read and spell' words.

In Grammar, we will be thinking about capital letters, conjunctions, simple adjectives and much more!

We are putting a big focus on our handwriting this term and focusing on having our letters sitting on the line with tall ascenders and low descenders.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be covering a range of topics such as:

Number and place value, Weight, Shape, Counting & money, multiplication, length & measure, addition & subtraction, division and fractions!

Our Autumn Term Curriculum

Art— Andy Goldsworthy

Computing- moving a robot and grouping data

Design technology- Sliders and levers –Design and make a moving Mothers' Day or Easter card

Geography- The United Kingdom

History- My Life and local history

Phonics—Phase 5 sounds

Music—Charanga In the Groove (Pop/reggae) and Charanga In the Groove (Spring performance— Legends singing masterpiece)

PE- Athletics & fitness, send & receive, throw & catch and Gymnastics.

PSHE +RSE—Keeping myself safe and Rights & respect

Science—Use of everyday materials and Seasonal changes.

Weekly Themes

W/B 8th Jan PSHE- Keeping Myself Safe

W/B 15th Jan- It's okay to feel sad

W/B 22nd Jan- School value - Resilience

W/B 29th Jan - What is fair?

W/B 5th Feb- Children's mental health week

W/B 28th Feb—School Governors

W/B 6th March—Ramadan

W/B 13th March—Protected characteristics

W/B 20th March—Holi

W/B 27th March—Th Easter Story

Dates for your diary

Assessment week 27.2.24

DT week 22.1.24

Art week 26.2.24

Please catch up all dates for your diary with the weekly newsletter.