

THINGS TO DO AT HOME

Spellings: you need to be able to spell the words on the statutory lists for years 3&4 as well as for years 5&6 – these can be found on the school's website.

Daily reading – whether that be we with an adult or individual.

Times table practice – this term's focus is on the 10s, 5s, 2s, 4s and 8s. Ask your child to show you how we chant the times tables at school!

SATs Revision Guides and Equipment:

Please note that all equipment is provided in school and pencil cases are not needed. For Year 6 only, we will be ordering the CPG SATs Revision Guides this term. Once they have arrived, each week will be setting certain pages for you to complete at home. If you're struggling with a certain section at home, there will be a 'drop in' session that you can come to at school (more details to follow on this).

HOW ELSE CAN MY PARENT HELP ME?

If you wish you can have a look on the [Home Learning page](#) of our website where there are optional links to websites that may help your child.

Reading: It is vitally important that you read with your child every day. Children are welcome to borrow books from the school library which you can read with them. You could also read the news on your phone, websites and whilst out and about. The more they read, the better they will be able to access the curriculum in school.

Maths: 'Times Table Rockstars' is a fun, free interactive game online which can be accessed via our school website. All the children have a school log-in which they can use at home. The children should understand how it works. Please encourage your child to play in their spare time, as times tables recall is an essential skill that will help them across the maths curriculum.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>



All Change!

Upper Key Stage 2 Team



TOPIC OVERVIEW

Welcome back!

It has been great to see the children settle back in so well! Our whole school topic this term is called '**All change!**'

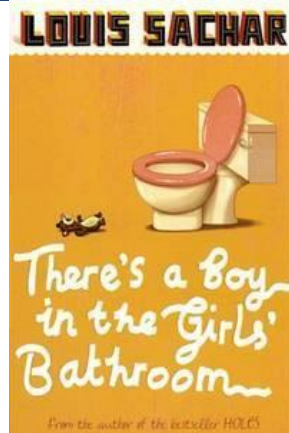
To start the term we are focusing on well-being and will be completing a project called "**This is Me**" where we will be celebrating who we are! We will be exploring and celebrating our individual significant life events, how diverse and unique our families are, how to maintain healthy friendships, our personal strengths, why making mistakes are important for growth and thinking about what we would like our future to look like. A lot of our work will link to our class novel "There's a boy in the girl's bathroom" by Louis Sachar.

Best wishes

Upper Key Stage 2 team

THIS TERM, YOU WILL LEARN...

English	Using the focus text, There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom by Louis Sachar, we will be writing advice letters to Bradley. We will also be turning one of the chapters into a playscript and performing our scenes!
Maths	Year 5: Understanding Decimals! You will be learning to represent fractions as decimals, ordering decimal numbers and adding and subtracting decimals. Year 6: We will be exploring the additive and multiplicative structures of maths. This involves identifying the whole to a problem, the parts and the relationships between them. We'll then use this knowledge to find missing parts.
Science	Lifecycles of animals including humans.
Art & Design	Sculpture- wire model making.
Geography	Fieldwork and Map Skills
PE	Netball Swimming Outdoor Adventure activities
French	All about me/ Classrooms/ Clothing/ Jobs / Circus School
Computing	Coding
Music	Charanga – How does music bring us together?
RSHE	Kiva/ Art of Brilliance / Respect / Relationships



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THIS TERM

PE:

Please can you send your child to school wearing their PE kit on a **Monday** and a **Wednesday**. Their PE kit for this term must consist of:

- A white or house colour t-shirt
- A school rugby top (optional)
- Black/ navy shorts or joggers (weather dependent)
- Trainers (many children now use trainers as outdoor shoes and these are fine for PE).

Please note that hoodies are not suitable for PE lessons due to Health and Safety reasons. Please make sure that all school uniform items (including PE kits) are clearly labelled.

Snacks:

We would encourage you to send your child in with a healthy snack (fruit or cheese) that can be eaten at playtime. It is important that your child brings a water bottle to school each day.

Mornings/ End of Day:

The school day starts at **8:40am** but the children can arrive and line up on the playground from 8.30am where there will be an adult on duty.

At 3:20 pm, all classes will be dismissed from the same locations. If your child has a play date or is being collected by someone else, please inform the office, as without permission we will be unable to allow the children to go.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS

We are very excited about getting to know our new classes and getting back into the swing of learning.

We are happy to speak to you about any concerns you may have. Please email or telephone the school office parents@cholsey.oxon.sch.uk and we will get back to you – most likely at the end of the school day (unless urgent). The school office can also pass any messages to us at the start of the day.