



#### Welcome to Year 4!

We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the busy and exciting term ahead! The children have made a fantastic start and have settled into their new classes beautifully—we are already enjoying getting to know them.

This year, our Year 4 teaching team is:

- **Mrs Willocks** (Year Group Lead & Class 15 teacher)
- **Miss Hutchinson** (Class 16 teacher)
- **Miss Brennan** (Class 14 teacher)
- **Mrs Lunt** (Class 14 teacher)

They are supported by **Mrs Hadley** and **Miss Searle**, who will be working across all three classes. We are also delighted to have **Mrs Unsworth** covering PPA in Classes 15 and 16 this half term.

We're looking forward to a fun year filled with exciting opportunities, including our Year 4 residential to Llandudno in May. Towards the end of the year, the children will also complete their times tables check. We'll share more information about this nearer the time, along with an invitation to an information session.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do come and speak to us after school, or contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

From, The Year 4 Team

#### Important Information and Reminders

##### Reading

Each child will receive a book banded reading book to take home with them with the expectation that children read this at least **three** times per week at home and record this in their reading records. This then needs to be signed by a parent or guardian at least once per week so that they can be entered into the weekly reading raffle on a Friday!



##### Homework

Homework will be sent out each week on a Friday and will be due in the following week. The children will receive Maths homework (times tables and Maths home learning) spelling homework (5 spellings per week to practise) and English homework which will alternate between a reading comprehension and a grammar activity. The children also still have a log in for TT Rockstars and Reading Eggs and we ask that the children use this two times per week at home. If your child struggles with any of the home-learning tasks that are set each week, please feel free to ask us for any help or guidance.

##### PE Kits and Uniform

Our PE days this half term are a Monday and a Wednesday. Please can the children come into school in their PE kits on these days and remember that if children are wearing a jumper with their PE kit, it should be their school jumper. We have been so impressed with how smart the children have looked on their return to school this year, particularly in their new blue PE tops! Thank you for all your support in ensuring the children have the correct uniform. Please can we just remind all parents that the children need to have a pair of school shoes to wear each day and that trainers should only be worn for PE lessons.

# Chapelford Village Primary School

## Year 4 Newsletter

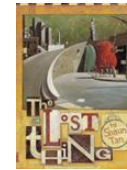
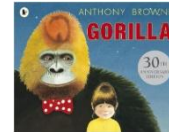
### Autumn Term 1



#### English

**Class text:** Gorilla by Anthony Browne

The children will be writing their own fantasy story based on the book, Gorilla. They will be building on prior knowledge and learning how to use expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.



**Diversity text:** The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan

The children will be using this beautifully illustrated book to help build dialogue between characters and improve their descriptive writing.

#### Art

This term the children will be developing their drawing skills and using Giorgio Morandi as inspiration for their art work.



#### History

Children will learning about Britain's settlement from the Anglo-Saxons and Scots.

#### Geography

Children will revisit learning of the countries, counties, and regions of the UK. Following this, they will be learning about rivers.



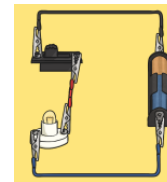
#### Maths

This half term the children will be exploring the value of 4-digit numbers up to 10,000. They will use their knowledge of the value of each digit to order and compare numbers. Children will move onto addition and subtraction using mental and written methods to solve problems.

We will also continue to develop the children's times tables knowledge in preparation for the multiplication check at the end of Year 4.

#### Science

In science, our topic is Electricity. Children will have the opportunity to discuss how to use electricity safely, how to build simple circuits and the difference between electrical conductors and insulators. The children will also develop their working scientifically skills by planning investigations and making observations.



#### Computing

Children will learn how to stay safe online as well as explore computer networks.

#### Music

This term, the children will be focusing on Mamma Mia for our unit of work.

#### PE

Children will develop their static balance and coordination skills in a unit based on gymnastics.

#### RE - Hinduism

Children will explore the question: What might a Hindu learn through celebrating Diwali?



#### Design Technology

We will be exploring Electrical Systems and how to make simple circuits and switches.

#### MFL – French

Children will be recapping greetings and explore life in French schools.

#### PSHE

Children will discuss relationships and families and look at building positive relationships within in their own lives.