Chapelford Village Primary School
Year 4 Newsletter
Autumn Term 2

Welcome Back!
We hope you all had a wonderful and restful half-term break and are ready for another busy term ahead! The children had lots of fantastic experiences last half term, including learning a beautiful dance for Diwali and discovering what to do in an emergency during their Mini First Aid session, where they practised how to help someone who is choking. It was also lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening – thank you for taking the time to meet with us and discuss your child's progress.

This half term is also set to be a busy and exciting one! We'll be marking Anti-Bullying Week during the week commencing 16th November and observing Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th November with a special assembly. We are also looking forward to getting into the festive spirit, with our Chapelford Christmas Markets taking place on Wednesday 9th December. Please keep an eye out for separate communications with further details about all of our Christmas events.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Important Information and Reminders
Reading Rewards
Children should aim to read at least three times per week, earning steps along the Reading Road for each read recorded in their reading diary. Once they reach 60 steps, they will receive a golden token to exchange for a new book from our special vending machine. Please remember that reading diaries must be signed by an adult at least once a week.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Year 3 and 4 multiplication meeting last half term. The Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check takes place in June and is a short online assessment where children answer 25 multiplication questions, with a focus on their rapid recall of times tables up to 12 × 12. We are busy preparing the children in school and would encourage you to continue supporting them with regular practice at home.

All the information from our meeting, including further details about the check, can be found on the school website.

Children can practise at home using the following websites. They all have their own logins for Times Tables Rock Stars:

- Times Tables Rock Stars
- Maths Frame – Multiplication Tables Check

PE Kits and Uniform
Our PE days this half term are a Thursday and Friday. 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. 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.

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English



Class text: Leon and the Place Between by Graham Baker-Smith

The children will be writing a recount, in the form of Leon's secret diary about what really happened in 'the place between'. They will be building on prior knowledge of expanded noun phrases and conjunctions and will also be indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns.

Maths

This half term the children will be learning about addition and subtraction. They will begin by doing this mentally and then will learn the written method for addition and subtraction. 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 sound and we will be answering the question '*How do we hear?*' The children will learn about how sound is made when something vibrates and will carry out a number of different enquiries using scientific skills.



PE

The children will be learning about badminton and will learn to serve and return.

RE – Christianity

Children will explore the question: How and why might Christians use the Bible?



Design Technology

We will be creating our own nightlights using electrical circuits.

MFL – French

The children will be learning about their local area and Christmas in French.

Art

The children will be developing their printmaking skills using different blocks, painting slabs and rollers.



History

The children will continue learning about Britain's settlement from the Anglo-Saxons and Scots.

Geography

The children will be learning about rivers and the water cycle.



Computing

The children will be learning about variables and using these within their own scratch games.

Music

This term, the children will develop their playing skills using gglockenspiels. They will also learn about musical notation and recording this.

PSHE

The children will be looking at their own health and wellbeing and will answer the question, *'How can I develop and healthy mind?'*