

#### What's Happening in Year 4?

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas holiday and that the children had the chance to recharge their batteries after a jam-packed half term. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school, and we have been extremely impressed with how positively they have settled back into their routines. They have returned with a great attitude to learning, and we are very much looking forward to another busy and exciting half term ahead.

Parents' Evening will be taking place after the Spring half term on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th February. This will be a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and discuss their learning since the start of Year 4. Appointments will be a mixture of face-to-face and virtual meetings and can be booked online. Further information will be sent out in the coming weeks. If you require any support with booking an appointment, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Throughout Spring term, we will also be running a Times Tables Drop-In Club on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This club is designed to support children in developing their confidence and fluency with times tables. If you would like your child to attend, please sign them up via ParentMail.

#### **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. We will be continuing our new rewards system this half term. reading at home. Each time they read, they will move one step along the Reading Road, and once they reach 60 steps, they will receive a golden token to use in our special vending machine to choose a new book! To make sure their reads count, children must record their reading in their reading diary, and an adult should sign the diary at least once a week. Please note that reads can only be counted once per day, with a maximum of seven reads per week. We can't wait to see all the wonderful reading our Year

##### **Homework**

Homework will be sent out each week on a Friday and will be due in the following Wednesday. Each week the children will receive Maths homework (Times tables and Maths home learning) spelling homework (5 spellings per week to practise) and English homework (this will alternate between a 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. We are still running learning club before and after school for children to attend.

##### **Times tables**

Below are some useful links to help your child practice their times tables at home. All the children have their own TT Rockstars log ins, if you are unsure of your child's details, please ask your class teacher.

<https://trockstars.com>

[https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/7/multiplication\\_and\\_division](https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/7/multiplication_and_division)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/mathsgames/hit-the-button>

If you would like to do some extra practice of the multiplication test, below is a link with a practice test on.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

##### **PE Kits and Uniform**

The children will take part in two PE lessons per week, and they will need to have their PE kit in school at all times. Children must bring their P.E. kit in a drawstring gym bag and have a blue t-shirt, blue/black P.E. shorts and black pumps or trainers. If you have any concerns regarding PE kits, please don't hesitate to contact us. We have been so impressed with how smart the children have looked on their return to school this year and 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

### Spring Term 1



English: In English we will be focusing on narrative writing based on The Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit. The children will be learning how to organise their paragraphs around a theme and use direct speech.

We will also complete daily guided reading lessons where we will use a range of different texts to enhance our comprehension skills.

We will be working on answering questions based on a variety of skills: inference, vocabulary and retrieval.



Maths: In Maths we will move onto multiplication and division. We will be building on our knowledge from Year 3 and learning how to apply our growing knowledge of times tables to wide range of questions.

We will have weekly fluency sessions which will help us to recap our arithmetic skills and get better at our times tables.

Science: This term, we will be starting a new science unit on States of Matter. The children will learn about solids, liquids and gases, and will carry out simple investigations to explore how materials can change from one state to another.

Computing: In computing, we will continue to look at E-Safety and how to stay safe online. We will also be exploring repetition and loops within programming.



PE: We will have two PE sessions per week on a Monday and a Wednesday. This half term, we will be completing a unit based on street dance!

Geography: In Geography we will look at the countries of Europe and will be exploring what life is like in them.



History: In History, we will be looking at the Vikings' invasion of Britain. We will learn about their way of life and their impact on Britain.



Music: In Music, we will explore how to compose lyrics linked to a theme.

PSHE: Our PSHE focus for this half term is relationships. We will look at the relationships we have, including online.

Art: We will be completing work for the PAN Art Festival. We will be using our skills of shading with negative space, weaving and printing to create a piece based on one of the seasons.

RE: In RE, we will be studying the religion, Sikhism. We will be answering the question, How do Sikhs express their beliefs and values?

MFL: We will be continuing our French lessons and will look at our family tree.

Design Technology: In DT, we will design shell structures.