# Chapelford Village Primary School Year 4 Newsletter Summer Term 2





# What's Happening in Year 4?

We're creeping towards the end of the year, but there won't be any slowing down! We have a busy and exciting half term ahead. Children will be completing multiplication checks, sports days, discos...there's a lot to cram in!

Once again, the children will be focussing on developing their skills to become high performance learners. They will be encouraged show their creativity, collaboration and enterprising skills with lots of opportunities to earn some dojo points for showing our school values.



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## **Important Information and Reminders**

## Reading

Each child will receive a book banded reading book to take home 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 Wednesday. Each week the children will receive Maths homework (Times tables and Maths home learning, alternating from paper homework and homework set on Mathletics), spelling homework (5 spellings per week and a spelling task linked to this week's learning) 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 TTRockstars log ins, if you are unsure of your child's details, please ask your class teacher.

https://ttrockstars.com

https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/7/multiplication and division

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/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 back and have a white 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.

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# **English:**

**Class text:** Children are studying 'Wisp', by Grahame Baker-Smith. This is a beautifully illustrated story based around hope and memory. There are lots of opportunities built in for the children to show off their creativity.



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**Maths**: This half term the children will finish their learning on fractions and decimals. We will then move on to time, shape and space, where children will get to work on their reasoning and problem solving skills. The first two weeks of the term will be used to complete the national multiplication checks. We appreciate the hard work and effort that both the children



**Science:** We will continue our unit based on animals including humans. We will be learning about classifying animals and plants in different ways, such as vertebrates and invertebrates.

and yourselves have put into this over the year!





**Computing**: In computing, we will continue to look at E-Safety and how to stay safe online. We will also be exploring website design and creating a web page!

**PE**: The children will spend a lot of this half term building towards sports day! There will be a variety of races, including egg and spoon, relay and obstacle. Let's hope we have some nice weather to enjoy all the action!

**Geography:** In Geography we will continue looking at the longitude, latitude and the equator. We will also be studying rainforests and making links with our English topic!



**History**: In History, children will learn more about Ancient Egypt, looking at both primary and secondary sources. We will even read some hieroglyphics!

**Music**: We are studying how music has developed over time consolidating our learning across the year and learning some of The language of music.

**PSHE**: Linking to Wisp, we are focusing on dreams and goals with the children being able to show their aspirational values, linking to HPL.

**Art:** During the half term, children will be studying painting as well as digital photography, combining the use of coloured overlays of paint with photographed media. Again, another chance for the children to show their creativity.

**RE:** In RE, we will continue to look at Islam and link this to sacrifice. As always, we look to celebrate diversity and build upon our wider community.

**MFL**: We will be continuing our French lessons and developing vocabulary around jungle animals – again making links with English and Geography.

**Design Technology**: In DT, we continue to have a food focus where the children will be creating seasonal tarts. Hopefully, you will get to try some!