

# ChapelFord Village Primary School

## Year 4 Newsletter

### Autumn Term 1



#### Welcome to Year 4!

Welcome back Year 4 after the Spring half term. We cannot believe that we are halfway through Year 4 already! We hope that you have enjoyed your break and are prepared for another busy, but fun filled term ahead. This term, we have so many exciting opportunities like a visit from Dogs trust, World Book Day and the biggest one... our residential visit to PGL.

For National Careers Week this term, the children enjoyed learning about new careers and had demonstrated our school values to a high standard. We were lucky enough to have two visitors: A dentist and a Vet who works on animals teeth.

Please do remember if you have any concerns or need support with anything, pop in and see us after school, drop us an email or ring the office to make an appointment.

From,

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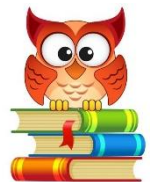
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#### Important Information and Reminders

##### 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 records this in their reading records. This then needs to be signed by a parent or guardian at least once per week.



##### 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, alternating from paper homework and Mathletics), spelling homework (5 spellings per week and a spelling investigation) 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. We are still running learning club before and after school for children to attend.

##### PE Kits and Uniform

The children will take part in two PE lessons per week, one on a Monday and one on a Friday. They will need to come into school in their full P.E Kit on this day. During this half term, weather permitting, we will be completing some of our sessions outside so a warm hoodie, tracksuit bottoms and a coat is advisable as the weather continues to be unpredictable.

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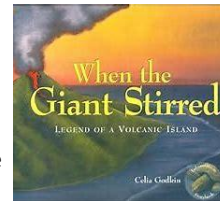
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#### English

**Class text:** When the Giant Stirred.

This half term our author study is Nicola Davies. During class, the children will have the chance to explore her books and read them during sessions throughout the week. For World Book Day, we are so excited to share the book 'Fantastic Beasts and where to find them' with the children. During this unit, the children will create a fact file about their own mythical 'Fantastic Beast'. We will then move onto our text 'When the Giant Stirred' by Celia Godkin which follows a similar story to our previous book 'Escape from Pompeii'. This will give the children a chance to use our value 'linking' and will allow them to make connections across the two books.



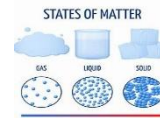
#### Maths

This half term the children will be learning the method of short division whilst building strategies that will help and support them when answering the questions. We will then learn about fractions and decimals and will look at the relationship between the two. They will also develop their understanding and skills for problem solving when using both.

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

#### Science

In science, our topic is States of Matter which will involve many exciting experiments! The children will deepen their knowledge on solids, liquids and gasses and will even become a chocolatier for the day!



#### PE

Our topic for PE this half term will be athletics in which we will look at different ways that we can travel.

#### RE - Christianity

Children will explore the question: How should we live our lives and is sacrifice an important part of religious life?

#### Design Technology

In DT we are continuing to make our slingshot cars and evaluating how we could improve them next time.

#### MFL – French

Children will be learning about the different body parts and will develop their knowledge of building a sentence in French.

#### Art

This term we are looking at painting to see which dark and light shades give a 3-dimensional effect.

#### History

Children will continue learning about the Vikings.

#### Geography

Children will revisit learning of the countries and will continue to explore Europe and what makes the countries so special that are in Europe.

#### Computing

Children will learn how to stay safe online as well as exploring how to make their own logos.

#### Music

This term, the children will be focusing on 'Lean on Me' for our unit of work.

#### PSHE

Children will discuss whether everyone should have the same rights and responsibilities.