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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well. As we begin a new year of learning, we are pleased to invite you to an information evening focused on our approach to the teaching and learning of reading, phonics and spelling in Year 2. The meeting will take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm**. Please come to the main school office where you will be directed to a Year 4 classroom.

At Chapelford Village Primary School, our philosophy states that if a child can't read, they can't get on in life. We are committed to providing your child with the key skills needed to be successful in reading and to help them on their journey as lifelong learners. As part of your child's reading learning, we continue to embed their awareness and application of phonics, through the Read Write Inc programme, to enable them to read with increasing fluency and accuracy. As part of their weekly guided read and whole class reading sessions, your child is taught specific strategies to answer questions based on the different reading skills. All reading groups then practice applying their knowledge of the reading skills to a wide range of high-quality texts and genres including fiction and non-fiction.

During the presentation, our dedicated Year 2 team will guide you through the key principles and methodologies of reading, spelling and phonics at Chapelford. There will also be an opportunity to any questions you may have. .

The session will cover:

1. **Introduction to Guided Reading:** An overview of the methodology and its benefits in supporting reading development.
2. **Phonics and Spelling Techniques:** Insight into the specific phonics and spelling techniques used in the classroom, along with practical examples.
3. **Reading Strategies:** How we integrate phonics into grouped reading sessions, moving children's learning on to promote comprehension and fluency.
4. **Home-School Partnership:** Tips and suggestions on how you can further support your child's reading and spelling journey at home.
5. **Q&A Session:** An opportunity to ask any questions you may have about our Reading, Spelling and Phonics curriculum.

We believe that the home and school partnership is invaluable for ensuring all children develop into confident readers. This presentation is a fantastic opportunity for you to gain a deeper understanding of our approach and to understand how you can reinforce these skills at home. There will also be some materials to take home to support your child's progress. We hope to see you at the meeting. If you have any questions in the meantime, please direct to the class teacher in the first instance or to the Year 2 Year Group Lead, Miss Garty, if you need further support.

Kind regards,

Miss Caitlin Garty  
Year 2 Year Group Lead