

Chapelford Village Primary School

Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 1



Welcome to Spring term!

We hope you all had a great break with your families and friends. The Year 2 children have had a great start to 2026 and have wowed us with their attitudes to learning already. This half term offers an exciting, engaging range of topics and activities to fully immerse the children into their learning including a delve into The Great Fire of London and PAN Art Activities. The children will continue to hone their collaboration, resilience and growth mindset skills. We are looking forward to another term of hard work and enjoyment.

Please can you ensure your child keeps all toys and large bags at home, including keyrings. They can be distracting, and we don't have the room in class to accommodate them. If you have any questions or need any support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher by making an appointment or sending an e-mail.

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Specific information for the term

Reading in Year 2:



Your child needs to have their reading book and reading record in school every day. We are ensuring children develop a love for reading, ask questions about texts and develop their fluency and accuracy by taking part in shared reading as a class, grouped guided reading sessions and 1:1 reads. Having their reading record in school ensures we can inform you what they are doing well at and what their next steps are.

We ask children to read to an adult at home a **minimum of 3 times per week**. Although we would like the children to share their school reading book, we also encourage any reading covering a wide range of genres, this can include magazines, leaflets, etc. Please listen to your child read, ask some questions about the book then **sign their reading record**. Any child who reads 3 times and has their reading record signed, will progress on our reading road heading towards earning a golden token for our Reading Vending Machines! We know how busy things are at home so your child could write the date and book in themselves and then ask you to sign it. Thank you for your continued support!

This half term, PE will be on a Tuesdays and Fridays. Children are to continue to come into school on these days in their PE kits with school jumpers or cardigans for these colder days.

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In English, the children will be looking at *Man on the Moon* by Simon Bartram. They will be developing their knowledge of punctuation, descriptive sentences and fiction writing, writing for a purpose. They will continue to use the conjunctions 'because' and 'and', further developing into 'but' and 'when'. The children will use Talk 4 Writing again to support them in writing their own story.


In Maths, the children will begin looking at Multiplication and Division. In Year 2, the children are expected to recall their 2s, 5s and 10s times tables with their associated division facts. The children will explore equal groups, repeated addition, arrays and word problems. Through fluency sessions, we will continue to embed our knowledge of addition and subtraction.


In Science, the children will be exploring Biology learning about plants and how they grow. The children will explore what a plant needs to grow, the different parts of a plant and know the requirements of plants for life and growth. They will investigate the way in which water is transported within plants and the part that flowers play in their life.

During History sessions, the children will be exploring significant historical events, people and places. They will be looking at some similarities and differences between London now and in the past through the topic *The Great Fire of London*.

In Geography, the children will explore the enquiry question 'What is it like to live by the coast?'. They will locate the seas and oceans surrounding the UK. They will be able to define what a coast is and locate coasts in the UK. 

In RE, the children will consider the key question 'How do we show devotion?'. This is exploring the religion of Hinduism considering how Hindu's show devotion to Brahma.

During PE the children will learn new ball skills relating to Handball. They will look at positioning, collaboration and resilience. 

During Music, the children will explore rock music through the enquiry question of 'How can we work collaboratively to play in a band? What compromises a band?'. 

The children will continue to hone their playing skills on the recorder.

During PSHE, the children will learn about different types of relationships including keeping safe, recognizing risk, following rules, trust and trusted adults.