

Chapelford Village Primary School

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1



Welcome to Year 4!

We hope you have all thoroughly enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready for a busy and exciting term ahead. The children have settled in really well into their new classes and we have loved getting to know them. It was great to meet you all during our parent drop-in afternoon last week. If you ever have any questions or need support in anything, please contact your class teacher or the school office to make an appointment.

Your Year 4 teachers are:

Class 13 – Miss Stebbings

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Class 15 – Miss Barber

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From,

The Year 4 Team

Dates for the diary:

w.b. 12th September – democratic voting across the school for School Council

Monday 26th September – European Languages Day

Wednesday 12th October – Multiplication evening (more information to follow)

Every week for this term, the children will also have Samba drumming lessons!

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and the expectation for this is that it is returned to school by Thursday the following week. The children will have a mixture of paper based and online activities. If your child does not have access to a device, please let your class teacher know and they will be happy to help. The children will have one maths homework, including times tables practise and a fortnightly comprehension homework. The children will be given 5 words to practise and learn at home as well as a spelling investigation. We expect the children to read at least 5 times a week. We ask that an adult sign the reading record and for it to be in school by Friday. The children who read 5 times a week will be entered into the reading raffle to win a prize!

P.E.

Each week, children will take part in two P.E. lessons. Please ensure your child's P.E. kit is left in school for the half term. Children must bring their P.E. kit in a drawstring gym bag and have a white t-shirt, blue/black P.E. shorts and black pumps.

General reminders

Children must wear flat, black shoes. If the weather is wet or cold and your child has worn boots or wellies to walk to school with, please ensure that they have black shoes to change into at school. Trainers must not be worn.

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Class text: Gorilla by Anthony Browne

The children will be writing their own fantasy story based on the book, Gorilla. They will be building on prior knowledge for writing speech and learning how to use fronted adverbials in their writing. and Coming to England by Floella Benjamin and Diane Ewen.

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The children will be writing a recount in the form of a biography on Floella Benjamin. They will have additional writing opportunities throughout, including a writing diary entry.

Maths

This half term the children will be exploring the value of 4-digit numbers up to 10,000. They will use their knowledge of the value of each digit to order and compare numbers. Following this, children will learn Roman numerals. Children will move onto addition and subtraction using mental and written methods to solve problems.

Science

In science, our topic is Electricity. Children will have the opportunity to discuss how to use electricity safely as well as take part in experiments.

Our other science topic this term is Living Things and their Habitats. Here, the children will group living things in different ways and explore classification keys.

PE

Children will develop their static balance and coordination skills. They will also explore fielding games.

RE - Hinduism

Children will explore the question: What might a Hindu learn through celebrating Diwali?

Design Technology

We will be exploring Electrical Systems and how to make simple circuits and switches.

MFL – French

Children will be recapping greetings and explore life in French schools.

Art

This term the children will be developing their drawing skills and using Giorgio Morandi as inspiration for their art work.

History

Children will learning about Britain's settlement from the Anglo-Saxons and Scots.

Geography

Children will revisit learning of the countries, counties, and regions of the UK. Following this, they will be learning about rivers.

Computing

Children will learn how to stay safe online as well as explore computer networks.

Music

This term, we have a special visitor in school to teach the children Samba drumming. In these lessons, children will explore different instruments and use musical vocabulary.

PSHE

Children will discuss personal qualities in themselves and explore self-esteem. They will also learn how to manage setbacks and learning from mistakes.