

# Chapelford Village Primary School

## Year 4 Newsletter

### Spring Term 2

Can you believe that we are now halfway through Year 4?

We hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break and are ready for the exciting half-term ahead. We begin this half-term with a celebration of all things STEM. Our theme for the week is 'Reading is STEMsational' and the children will explore skills associated with jobs within the science, technology and engineering industries. We have so many exciting learning opportunities planned for the half-term ahead and look forward to sharing these with you via our regular Facebook posts.

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

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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 five 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!

Spring 2 Book Recommendation: The Girl Who Stole an Elephant by Nizrana Farook  
*Chaya leads her friends on a joyous adventure through the jungle.*

### Homework

Homework will be sent out each week on a Friday and will be due in the following Thursday. Each week the children will receive Maths homework (times tables and Maths home learning, alternating from paper homework and Mathematics), spelling homework (5 spellings per week and a spelling investigation) and English homework which will alternate between a comprehension and a grammar activity. The children also 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.

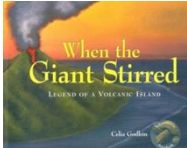
### PE Kits and Uniform

The children will take part in two PE lessons per week 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 bag and have a white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and black pumps or trainers. If you have any concerns regarding PE kits, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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.



#### English



**Class text:** When the Giant Stirred - Celia Godkind

The children will be writing their own adventure narrative based on the book When the Giant Stirred. They will be building on prior knowledge for writing speech and how to use dialogue effectively in their writing.

**Class text:** The Day the Crayons Quit – Drew Daywalt

The children will be writing a persuasive letter. They will have additional writing opportunities throughout, including a writing diary entry.

#### Maths

This half term the children will continue to learn about fractions before moving on to decimals and looking at the relationship between the two. They will also develop their understanding of area and perimeter and solve a range of problems 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 Sound. The children will explore what sound is and how it is made, before having the chance to investigate how sound travels, how it can be blocked, how different pitches can be attained, and much more!



#### PE

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

#### RE

Children will explore the teachings of Christianity and discuss what is meant by 'love your neighbour'.

#### Design Technology

We will be exploring shell structures. The children will investigate how to join materials and create strong structures.

#### MFL – French

Children will learn the French vocabulary for different body parts. They will also learn about the Carnival celebration in France.

#### Art

This term the children will be developing their painting skills. As well as creating their own artwork, the children will be analysing works of art by well-known artists.

#### History

Children will learn about the invasion of the Vikings and how this shaped the Britain we have today.

#### Geography

Children will learn about world countries and develop their understanding of geographical terms such as hemisphere, longitude and latitude.

#### Computing

Children will learn how to stay safe online as well as exploring how to use data loggers.

#### Music

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

#### PSHE

Children will discuss the importance of caring for the environment, people and animals. They will also develop their understanding of shared responsibilities – looking at how they can make informed choices and decisions.