



Chestnut Class Autumn Newsletter 2023

Welcome back!

Welcome back to this new school year and a very warm welcome to our new families joining us.



We hope you have had a great summer and the children are refreshed and ready for their new learning in school.

Mrs Diwan will be teaching Sycamore Class Monday-Thursday and Mrs Duff will be teaching the class on a Friday. Sycamore Class will be joining Chestnut for their learning on Fridays.

Chestnut Class will attend Forest School on Wednesday afternoons with Mrs Hammond and have PE on Friday afternoons.

We have many exciting things planned for this term, including a Mayan expert visit and a visit to the local church, so please keep checking school communications and keep updated with what we have been up to by visiting the 'Latest News' section on the school website.

We look forward to working with the children and yourselves this term. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Diwan and Mrs Duff

Maths

We will start this term by learning about place value, followed by addition and subtraction, and finishing with multiplication and division.

Alongside this, we will be learning and practising our times tables and key instant recall facts.

History and Geography During the first half of this term, we will be studying the Mayan Civilisation-based on the enquiry question: Why should we remember the Maya? Next half term, we will study of the Alpine Region in Geography; focussing on the question 'Where should we go on holiday?'

Science

We will be learning about 'Earth and Space', Our second topic of the term will be Electricity.

English

This half term, we will be writing an information page on mysterious creatures; basing our writing on the book 'Mysteries of the Universe' by Colin Wilson. We shall also be using metaphors and similes to create a senses poem linked to our harvest service.

Next half term, we will focus on writing diaries linked to our History topic on the Mayans, followed by retelling stories based on Macbeth. We shall finish the term writing a story linked to the Christmas Story.

RE We shall begin the term by focussing on Christianity; answering the question 'How do Christians show their belief that Jesus is God incarnate.'

During the second half term we shall focus on Islam; answering the question 'How does tawhid create a sense of belonging to the Muslim community?'





Home Learning

Please support your child's learning at home. This makes a huge difference!

Weekly Maths homework will be given out on a **Monday** and collected in the following **Monday**.

Knowledge Organisers and Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) are on our class page on the school website. Please support your child to engage with these as it will support their learning during lessons.

Weekly spelling lists will be posted on Spelling Frame each Friday for the following Friday's test.

Reading is a real priority, both in school and at home. Children should read at home a minimum of 5 times a week. Answering questions and talking about the book is as important as reading the words. Please make sure this is recorded in their reading record as for every 50 reads your child will get a prize. We encourage wider reading too, e.g. comics, newspapers, non-fiction, recipes and books from home.

We want to foster a love of reading!

Water Bottles

We encourage children to have a water bottle on their tables (with a non-spill lid). Bottles will be taken home at the end of each day to be refilled. Squash and juice are only allowed at lunchtimes.