**Chestnut Class Spring Newsletter 2024**

**RE** We shall begin the term by focussing on Islam; answering the question ‘How does Tawhid create a sense of belonging in the Muslim community?’

During the second half term we shall focus on Christianity; answering the question ‘Should believing in resurrection change how Christian’s view life and death?’

Muslim community?

**History and Geography** During the first half of this term, we will be studying the Vikings, looking at where they fit chronologically and how their society was organised. Next half term, our topic will be ‘Our World in the future,’ where we will predict how our world may look in years to come and why.

**Science**

We will be learning about the human life cycle, Our second topic of the term will be Living things and their habitats.

**English**

This half term, we will be writing a report on a topic of the children’s choice. The model report ‘Seashore Wildlife’ will be linked to our Science topic. We shall also be writing some free verse poetry using the poem ‘What is this world?’ to collect ideas. This will link nicely with our Geography topic.

Next half term, we will focus on writing a narrative based on the text ‘Moon Bear.’ We shall be refining our skills of using a range of techniques to develop the setting of our stories.

**Welcome back!**

Welcome back after the festive season to the Spring term and to 2024.

We hope you have had a wonderful time over Christmas and that the children are refreshed and ready for their new learning in school.

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

Chestnut Class will continue to 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 trips, sporting events, cafes 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 fractions, followed by decimals and percentages and finishing with statistics.

Alongside this, we will continue to learn and practise our times tables and key instant recall facts.

**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.

**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**. Please ensure your children complete this every week to consolidate their learning.

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 continues to be 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 20 minutes they read, the children will get another star in their reading challenge. We encourage wider reading too, e.g. comics, newspapers, non-fiction, recipes and books from home. **We want to foster a love of reading as it is so important across all of the curriculum!**