

Autumn Term 2022

Chestnut Class

This term our topic is:
LET'S EXPLORE!



Welcome back! I hope you've all had a lovely summer.

English

This term we will be using a range of texts linked to the idea of exploring new places and/or transport, beginning with the picture book *Grandad's Island* by Benji Davies. Children will have daily handwriting lessons and will be focus on developing skills of writing sentences and using capital letters.



Maths

We will be doing lots and lots of number recognition, counting and ordering: thinking about place value (tens and units) and how numbers build up and continue as we explore the number system either with numbers up to 30 or 100, depending on confidence. We will also be adding and subtracting and then using this knowledge to solve simple problems. We will think about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes - recognising, naming and describing them.

Computing

Our computing lessons will take place on Friday afternoons. We will be learning about how to use ICT safely and for different purposes. Children will learn basic skills of logging on, using passwords, opening documents, saving work and some simple word processing skills.



Theme (Science, History, Geography, DT and Art)

During our History lessons, we will be learning about transport and how it has changed over time. I am hoping to arrange a trip linked to this and allow the children to see a form of transport first hand. During DT we will be learning how to strengthen materials by looking at how spokes strengthen wheels. Our

Geography work will involve using maps, including recognising symbols and a key. We will learn how to locate the UK on a map. Our Art focus will be collage. We will be using collage to create transport pictures along with some natural materials collage in our forest school sessions. In Science we will develop our understanding of seasonal change. Children will learn about weather and associate weather with different seasons.



Music

During our Music lessons this term will be singing the song Hey You! We will learn about rhythm and play instruments to accompany the song.

RE

Our focus religion in the first half term will be Hinduism and we will explore how Hindus think about their god. After the holiday, we will study Christianity. We will learn that Christmas is a celebration of Jesus' birthday and what this means to Christians.

PE

PE sessions are usually every Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays and during these we will focus on ball skills. Wednesday lessons will be with our specialist P.E. teacher, Mrs Nicola Hunter-Dale. However, from 26th September, the Tuesday lesson will change to a Monday for 6 weeks and we will be working with a specialist coach from Wigan Warriors Rugby League Club.



Learning At Home:

You will find some things in your child's book bag to help them with their learning.

Reading books and library book: Please try to listen to your child read a small amount every night. It is ok to help them as much as they need.

Have a go writing book: Children can use this free writing book to do any writing they would like (eg book review, game instructions, letter, wanted poster, facts about an animal)

Phonics book: Practise reading and writing words linked to the phonics your child has learnt that week.

Maths learning journey: Play games to practise the targets that your child is working towards.

It's also great if you can chat to your child about what we have done in school. Please remember the door is always open if you need to talk about anything to do with your child.

Staff who work with your children during the week:

Mrs Perry (Class teacher); Mrs Laycock (Teaching Assistant Thurs - Fri); Mrs Pell (Teaching Assistant Mon - Weds); Miss Wren (Teaching Assistant Mon - Fri); Mrs Hunter-Dale (1 hour of P.E. every second Wednesday).