

Autumn Term News

Chestnut Class

This term our topic is:
LONG, LONG AGO

Welcome back! I hope you've all had a lovely summer. Here's what we will be learning about this term.



English

This term, we will look at a variety of genres, some linked to our theme, bonfire night and some more targeted at our wider development. We will explore both fiction and non-fiction books, starting with a unit about labels, lists and captions, using dinosaurs as a stimulus. We will read a variety of dinosaur related stories and look at some non-fiction information pages about dinosaurs. Children will create a newly discovered dinosaur and write about it, including labels, caption and facts about where it lives and what it eats. Later in the term we will read a version of *George And The Dragon* and also complete writing linked to our History lessons.

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. 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. We will also learn about money by recognising the value of different coins and notes, counting coins, combining different coins to make a total and finding the difference.

Theme (Science, History, Art, DT)

In Science we will develop our understanding of seasonal change. Children will learn about weather and associate weather with different seasons. We will also identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. Some of our Art work will link to our learning in Science.



Our theme of 'Long, Long Ago' lends itself really well to our learning in History. We will be learning about some significant events beyond living memory, focusing on both Guy Fawkes and The Great Fire Of London. Children will learn some key facts about each event but also gain an overview of where these events fit into our wider historical timeline. In Geography we will be learning about the world's seven continents and five oceans.

Our Art topic this term is 'Sculpture'. We will explore different shapes that we can make by rolling and kneading play dough and clay. We will be making clay tiles linked to our Science learning about seasonal change and different types of trees. During DT lessons we will investigate mechanisms, in particular how sliders and levers can make things move. We will also look at how wheels and axles work together, hopefully building a model fire engine to support our learning about changes that took place after the Great Fire of London.

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.



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.



Please ensure your child has a red PE t-shirt, black shorts and trainers in their PE bag (it's fine to use their normal school shoes if these are trainer-type shoes). As the weather gets cooler you may also include leggings or tracksuit bottoms as well as shorts.

Music

During our Music lessons this term will be learning the recorder! Each child will have their own recorder and may bring them home to practise the skill we have learnt in class. Apologies in advance! Mrs Pell will teach these lessons!



RE

Our focus religion in the first half term will be Hinduism and we will explore how Hindus show devotion to their god. After the holiday, we will study Christianity. We will learn that Christmas is a celebration of Jesus' birthday and investigate why Christians say that Jesus is the 'light of the world'.

Learning At Home:

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

Reading books: Please try to listen to your child read a small amount every night (5 mins).

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. You can also email me on v.perry@netherkellet.lancs.sch.uk