

Chestnut Class

Newsletter

Summer Term 2026



Welcome back to Summer term.
We have lots of lovely learning to look forward to.

What's happening in our class this term.

English - We are reading the non-fiction text 'Grow your own lettuce' in which will learn about writing instructions. In the second half of the term, we will be looking at 'Flotsam' a beautiful, fiction, picture-book which I'm sure will inspire some lovely writing.

Maths - In maths we will be studying time, shape and statistics and practising our times tables.

Music - Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker suite, with particular attention to movement.

Science - Our Science topic will be plants and how their different parts fulfil the necessary functions for its' growth.

Geography - How do we make the school environment more bee friendly?

RE - How and why do people make the world a better place?

Art - Chromatic - what is illustration? We will be studying the artist -Bridget Riley

Computing - We will be programming using 'Scratch' to programme and de-bug and we will continue our learning about internet safety.

French - We will be looking at the alphabet, larger numbers and 'My family'

PSHE - Valuing difference and why it is special.

PE - Striking and Fielding, Cricket and Dartmoor 3 ball.

Notices and Special Events

Home Learning

Please do remember to send your reading journals in every day but especially FRIDAY so that your child's book can be changed. It is really important that you do comment on how your child has read at home. This should be a comment on the 'Books of Interest' and the levelled reading book. In our Guided Reading sessions, we are having a big focus on fluency and reading with expression. It would be really helpful if you could work on this at home too. We will be sending out Little Wandle books again this half term as these are at the correct level for your child and will support their fluency and understanding. Spellings will be tested weekly as before, the children did such a great job at these last half term and we could see the effort that had gone into learning them. Please do try and test your child on these at home and also try dictating a sentence using one of the spellings and then another one that they create themselves. Dictation and transcription skills are super important to help children apply their spellings in their writing. Maths continues to be times tables and division facts.

Staffing & reminders

Staff in Chestnut will continue as it has for the time being. Mrs Mahoney will be in with the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Reynolds will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Ellis will support the class every morning. PE will continue to be on a Monday & Thursday, please come wearing PE kit. Nature School will still take place on Wednesdays!
Can we please remind you to send in water only please, for your child, and that break-time snacks should be healthy fruit snacks or similar. We greatly value your support, it is so important, so thank you for working with us.