



Chestnut Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - September 2020

Welcome

Hello and welcome back to a new year in Chestnut class. We all hope that you have had a lovely Summer holiday. It has been fantastic to see all of the pupils back and how much they have all grown! We have missed them but we are really happy to be back and look forward to working with your child.

During the holidays, I posted a getting to know you sheet to all pupils. Please could they be returned as soon as possible.

If you have any queries; please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office, in your child's home school book or email
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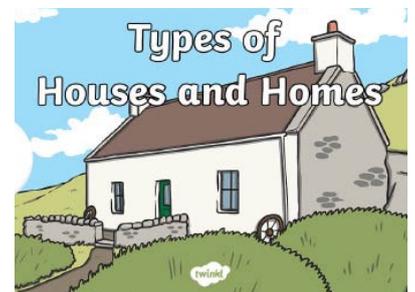
Curiosity

Each day, we will have a curiosity session in class. This will include us bringing objects in for pupils to explore and investigate. We will be tailoring some of these sessions around things that your child likes, from the getting to know you form. This will give your child opportunities to share what they like with their friends. If your child goes anywhere or does something that they would like to share with their friends, they are more than welcome to bring it in to show them too.

Topic

Our topic work this half term is called 'Who lives in a house like this?' We will be investigating where we live, how buildings are built and which materials are the best to build a house? We will also look at animal habitats and homes throughout history.

Our topic work will be done through play based learning, role play, expressive arts and understanding the world based activities. We will be bringing our topic in to all of our activities that we participate in, such as music, art, ICT and dance massage.



Recovery

During the first few weeks back in school, we are working on settling pupils back in to school after such an extended time away. We are focussing on rebuilding relationships with staff and other pupils in class and our feelings. A lot of this work will be done through play, creative activities and communication work. Please let us know how your child is settling in and get in contact if you have any concerns or comments. As pupils start to re-engage and settle in, we will then start to introduce our topic and more focussed subjects.

English



In our English lessons this half term we will be exploring the stories '3 little pigs' and 'Hansel and Gretel' and the poem 'The house that Jack built'. We will be working on sequencing stories and joining in with repetitive phrases.

We are having a big push on reading this year. We will be having reading for pleasure and phonics sessions everyday. We are also pushing the use of PODD in class. We have a range of books that we are trying with pupils, to support communication.

Maths

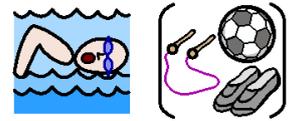


In Maths this half term we will be looking at number, shape, space and measure.

We will be exploring numbers on doors, number songs and rhymes and counting houses.

We will also be working on time—investigating how long houses made of different materials stay up, when blown or how long it takes to do activities in the home.

Swimming & Rebound



Unfortunately, at present we are unable to access hydro. As soon as we can, we will let you know. Hydro will be on a Tuesday morning. Please send in a swimming kit on a Tuesday. We do endeavour to get all pupils in to each therapy each week, but if they don't one week, they will be a priority the next week. Our rebound session will take place on Wednesday mornings and we will be working on our physical skills during this session.

Drinks and snacks

Please send in snacks and squash for your child, if needed. Drinks are available throughout the day and we stop for drinks and snacks in the morning and drinks in the afternoon.



Weather

We hope to make as much use of our outside environment as much as possible. We have a small courtyard attached to our class, which is ideal for learning outside. Please remember to send your child with appropriate clothing for the weather, especially as the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year.



EfL

Your child may like to share some homes and houses themed fun with you at home. Some suggested ideas are—explore numbers that you find around your house, make a home for an animal or insects, design your dream home or help out with jobs around your house.

Read or listen to lots of stories too!

If your child takes part in any activities at home, please let us know or upload them on to the Evidence for Learning app.

Forest School

We really look forward to forest school! This year our forest school sessions are on a Monday, all morning. Please send your child in warm clothes/blanket (and ones that you don't mind getting a little dirty) to wear on a Monday.

