



# Chestnut Class

## Newsletter

Summer 1—April 2021

### Welcome

Hello and welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely Easter holiday and that you have started to be able to get out and about or seeing some family and friends. Pupils have come back in to class very happy and vocal!

Last half term, we did some fantastic learning in school and at home, with our project, all about pets. The pupils absolutely loved learning about pets and we had some fantastic work produced! This term our topic is SPACE and we are kicking it off with a virtual reality space day! Keep a look out on social media for some fantastic activities that we are doing in class!

We have had a slight change in staffing in class. Nettie has moved to support a different class and we have Tom joining us for this term.

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 [joanne.baker@saxonhill.shaw-education.org.uk](mailto:joanne.baker@saxonhill.shaw-education.org.uk)

Jo, Rachel, Hayley and Tom



### Topic

Our topic work this half term is called "5,4,3,2,1, Blast Off!" Each week we will be exploring a different area of space. We will be learning about what happens in the day and night, how we can travel in space, what do astronauts do and what do they eat, what planets are and why stars twinkle. We have got a whole school virtual reality space day as a wow moment to start our topic!

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 science.

In science we will be conducting different experiments and investigating how things have changed.

PSHE lessons will focus on our body and identifying different parts, what we can do and how to keep it safe and healthy.



## English



In our English lessons this half term we will be exploring the stories 'Back to Earth with a bump' and 'Journey into Space'. We will be working on comprehension, sentence building using colourful semantics and writing our own book called "That's not my astronaut"

We continue to work really hard in our phonics work, reading for pleasure and also our communication skills, using Makaton, PODD and individual communication devices—please ensure they are sent in to school, so they can be used and modelled by staff. Please read a story with your child each night, if possible.

## Maths



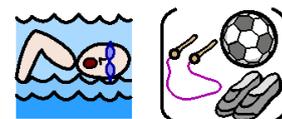
In Maths this half term we will be looking at number, shape, space and measure.

We will be counting backwards and adding small groups of objects together.

We will also be working on patterns and symmetry.

## Physical development

Unfortunately, at present we are unable to access hydro. As soon as we can, we will let you know. Our rebound therapy session takes place on Thursday mornings. Your child is on a rota, so only a small number of children use the room. The surfaces are cleaned after each go.



We follow physio programmes in school, with standing, walking and changes of position each day, but it's important to remember that we are just part of the physio care. If you need a new copy of your child's physio programme, so that it can be continued at home, please let me know.

PE is lead by Charlie from Burton Albion on Tuesday afternoons.

## Drinks and snacks

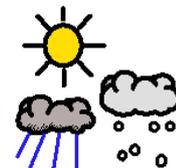
Please send in snacks and drinks for your child each day, or at the beginning of the week. We provide drinks of water, but if your child prefers squash, please send in a bottle or send in ready made drinks each day. We are not able to provide snacks for your child.



## 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.

**Any suncream needs to be applied at home and be able to last the day.**



## Forest School

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

