



Parent Curriculum Overview



SPRING TERM 2018 CHESTNUT CLASS

ENGLISH

This term in English, we will learn to how write instructions for a purpose. We will learn a range of poetic forms and continue to learn and recite poetry as a way to develop our language and pattern of texts skills. We will look forward to writing articles for the second edition of the Yealmpton Buzz and will look at myths and legends in the second half of the term. Spelling and grammar remains a high priority, particularly the children applying these writing skills across the curriculum and showing their secure knowledge. Reading at home is so important and it is important to encourage your child to read regularly.

MATHEMATICS

This term we will develop our understanding of number through using multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables to write and calculate mathematical statements and solve problems. We will be exploring adding and subtracting amounts of money in practical contexts and learning to interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables. We will continue to model and encourage the children to be able to talk through their mathematical learning and explain their depth of thinking. Learning times tables remains a high priority, with the children expected to know up to 12x12 by the end of year 4. Please support your child at home by practising these number facts regularly as part of the home learning.

SCIENCE

In science we will be learning about forces including magnetism. We will be investigating to find out about how magnets attract and repel as well as exploring forces such as gravity and air resistance.

HISTORY

This term our topic is 'Invasion' which looks at the Anglo-Saxon invader and settlers. The children will be questioning the past and using a range of evidence to discover more about the people of the time and the significant events that shaped this period in history.

COMPUTING

In computing, we will be learning about drawing and desktop publishing. We will be developing graphic and presentation skills by introducing drawing as opposed to painting. Children will learn to draw, order, group and manipulate objects to make a picture. They will also learn to evaluate and create effective layouts, combining text and images.

ART and DT

We will be developing our textile skills through creating artistic bunting, using quilting techniques and basic sewing to create themed initials.

MUSIC

Specialist teachers from Ivybridge Community College will be delivering our music lessons. We will be using ipads to compose music.

RE

In RE we will be we will be learning to retell Bible stories when miracles have happened and question whether Jesus really did perform miracles. We will be answering a key question every week to help us with our learning. We call this 'enquiry based learning'. This half term, our BIG question is: Could Jesus heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?

PE

Ms Kee will continue to teach our dance through the term and we will have Mr Whileman supporting our games development in invasion games. We will be starting our intensive swimming programme in the later part of the term.

PSHE

This term our PSHE focus is Living in the Wider World. We will be talking about a range of feelings and giving examples of when we have felt this way. We will also be considering the feelings of others and how we can help others to experience positive and healthy relationships.

FRENCH

We will be engaging in conversations, asking and answering questions, expressing our opinions and responding to those of others. We will listen to and join in with songs and rhymes and play games to help us to learn new vocabulary.

INFORMATION

During this term, we will have PE on a Monday and a Wednesday. Full PE kit is expected in school every day and the children are expected to wear correct kit for the PE sessions. Home School Link Books should be brought into school every day and please use these to relay messages to school. If anybody is available to help in class or to hear readers, it would be very much appreciated. Please can we ask you to inform the school if there are any changes to the end of day arrangements.