



Parent Curriculum Overview



SUMMER TERM 2018 CHESTNUT CLASS

ENGLISH

This term we will continue to develop our skills in writing focusing on stories based on the 'beat the monster' structure. We will follow this developing our understanding of non-fiction in the form of information text writing. Later in the term we will focus on writing and performing our own plays before continuing to develop our story writing skills. We will also develop our writing skills in our Geography topic, writing about the rainforests. We will also have a writing open morning in the Summer term. In the new curriculum, spelling and grammar are essential and these skills should be reflected across all subject areas. Reading continues to be a high priority through the English sequences and in guided reading sessions. This should be supported by regular reading at home and encouraging your child to comment on their reading in their Home School Link Books.

MATHEMATICS

This term we will further develop our understanding of fractions. We will follow this with sequences on geometry and position and movement. We complete the half term with a focus on perimeter, shape and time. For the second half term, we will consolidate our understanding of multiplication and division, before completing our end of year NFER assessment papers. We will look to use and apply our skills in different contexts, using different units of measure. We will continue to model and encourage the children to be able to talk through their mathematical ideas. Learning times tables remains a high priority, developing rapid recall of multiplication and division facts 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

This term our focus is on Biology. We will be learning about living things including plants and humans. We will be finding out how plants grow through first-hand experience of growing seeds and plants in the classroom and school orchard. We will learn about skeletons and muscles and about the importance of a balanced and healthy diet.

HISTORY and GEOGRAPHY

This term our topic is 'Down in the Jungle.' This is a Geography based topic in which we will be studying the importance of the rainforests. We will look at the location of the rainforests and investigate what is found there. We will write creature descriptions and persuasive letters to our local supermarket about deforestation. We will also design and make rainforest dioramas.

Computing

This term in Computing we will be focusing on presentation skills before moving onto using and applying our new skills to produce Rainforest themed presentations. E-safety will also be a core feature of our Computing teaching throughout the term.

ART and DT

In the first half of the term we will create and combine shapes to create recognizable forms, including textures that convey feelings, expression or movement. We will use clay and add other materials to provide detail.

MUSIC

Mr Rodgers, a specialist Music Teacher from Ivybridge Community College, will be delivering our music sessions this term with a focus on using media to create Music.

RE

In the first half of the term we will be looking at the importance of sharing and community in Sikhism. During the second half term we will be looking at Buddhism.

PE

Ms Kee, a specialist PE Teacher from Ivybridge Community College, will help us to develop our gymnastics skills. We will also learn about striking and fielding games as well as preparing for and taking part in our annual school sports day. After half term we will be going swimming!

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about 'relationships' and developing our understanding of social situations around 'getting on and falling out.' We will also look at health and wellbeing.

MFL

Our French units this term will be - Our school. The children will learn the French for familiar places.

INFORMATION / KEY DATES

18.5.18 - Writing Open Morning

25.6.18 - Swimming (mornings for 3 weeks)

Our timetabled PE sessions are Monday and Thursday but please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school everyday. It is a requirement for HSLB to be in school every day and please use these to relay messages to Miss Harris. Weekly mental arithmetic and spelling tests will form the homework each week as well as one half termly creative project.

