



Parent Curriculum Overview

AUTUMN TERM 1 2023 CHESTNUT CLASS

ENGLISH

Over the first few weeks, we will be writing stories set in familiar settings, that will inspired by 'Jack and the Dream sack', with children developing their creative writing skills by describing setting, character and atmosphere. We will start to build our bank of ambitious vocabulary and embed our understanding of lower key stage 2 grammar and punctuation. Our non-fiction unit will focus on the poem 'A River' where we will be writing a range of sentence structures, choosing nouns or pronouns accurately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition. We will have weekly spelling teaching and reading teaching with a focus on key reading strategies

MATHEMATICS

To start the term, we will begin by consolidating our understanding of place value, unpicking what numbers represent. We will then focus on developing our addition and subtraction skills before moving onto multiplication of the 3s, 4s and 8s. Throughout the term, we will be further working on problem solving and reasoning skills to deepen the children's understanding of mathematics. The children will be involved in a variety of practical learning experiences both inside and outside of the classroom.

SCIENCE

In Science, we will be learning about animals including humans. We will identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. We will investigate why animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and identify why they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat.

HISTORY

In History this half term, we will be travelling back in time to find out 'Who was the boy behind the golden mask?'. We will find out about Howard Carter's great discovery in the Valley of the Kings. We will explore the clues in Tutankhamun's tomb and what they reveal about life in Ancient Egypt.

COMPUTING

Our computing topic this half term will explore the 'Journey inside a computer.' The children will be learning about the different parts of a computer through role-play and develop their understanding of how they follow instructions.

ART

Our artwork this half term will be gestural drawing with charcoal. The children will contrast the work of Edgar Degas and Laura McKendry. They will create their own art, inspired by historic and contemporary images.

FRENCH

In our first unit, we will be learning how to describe ourselves and others in French! We will be following the Rachel Hawkes scheme of work and it will be taught by Mrs Carkett.

PSHE

This term our PSHE theme is 'Being Me In My World'. We will discuss our hopes and fears for the year as well as rewards and consequences within class and how we can make our school a safe and fair place. Our PSHE is taught using the Jigsaw scheme.

PE

PE is on a Monday and Thursday. Please check that your child has the correct PE kit and their shoes are the right size.

RE

This half term our focus religion is Hinduism, and we will be learning about the ancient story of Rama and Sita. We will be focusing some of the Hindu traditions such as dharma and light.

GEOGRAPHY

In Geography this half term, we will be learning all about rivers and focusing on the important river in the Indus Valley. Locating its source, course, uses and some of its environmental challenges, to find out 'How do rivers, people, and land affect each other?'.
INFORMATION

PE: Full PE kits need to be in school every day and named! PE will be each Tuesday and Friday.

Homework: This will be set every Friday and must be completed by the following Thursday. Children will be given weekly spellings as well as Maths homework. These spellings are part of the Year 3 National Curriculum and will be tested every Friday.

Reading: Please read with your child at least four times each week. Children will get the chance to change their books and complete 'Accelerated Reader' quizzes during the school day. Every time they pass a reading quiz or complete a book review, they can earn a sticker for their bookmark. 6 stickers = lucky dip prize.

Maths: Please encourage your child/children to practise their times tables weekly using Times Tables Rockstars, which they can access using their login details.

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. I look forward to meeting you throughout the year.