



Parent Curriculum Overview

AUTUMN TERM 2 2023 CHESTNUT CLASS

ENGLISH

Our next unit will focus on writing a letter to an agony aunt and developing a reply using the non-fiction text, 'Ask Dr Fisher'. We will then focus on writing a page(s) of advice on looking after a creature or object studying Dare to Care Pet Dragon. The children will continue to be involved in regular guided reading sessions and handwriting activities. Reading continues to be a high priority. We ask you to support this by reading regularly at home and making comments in the home school link book.

SCIENCE

In Science, we will continue to learn 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.

COMPUTING

This term our computing topic is 'Online surfers and searches'. In this unit about Online Searchers and Surfers, children will learn about what the Internet is, how the Internet works and the three different types of connections that can be used. They will then have the opportunity to explore web browsers and search engines, learning how to detect if a web page can be trusted whilst also ensuring that they know how to stay safe online.

Music

We will be learning to play the ocarina in music this term. We will learn how to follow music, what sheet music looks like and the importance of finger positioning when playing the Ocarina.

PE

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

DT

Our DT unit focuses on structures. We will be producing a range of free-standing frame structures of different shapes and sizes. We will then design, select appropriate materials and construct a pavilion that is strong, stable and aesthetically pleasing.

INFORMATION

PE: Full PE kits need to be in school every day. PE kits should be named. Please check that your child's PE shoes fit and they have a complete kit in readiness for sports day.

Homework: 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 4 times each week. Children will get the chance to change their books and complete 'Accelerated Reader' quizzes during the school day.

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.

MATHEMATICS

Learning in Maths will 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.

GEOGRAPHY

Our topic this term focuses on mountains. We will learn about the differences between a hill and a mountain, locate key mountains and mountain ranges in the world, recognise human processes and land uses. We will locate a key mountain range, The Andes, in South America and explain its features. Finally, we will locate key mountain ranges in England and study the mountain range of Snowdonia.

History

Our focus this term is on the 'cradles of civilisation'. We will learn where the first examples of human writing was discovered, explore significant individuals, lifestyles and stories within the Ancient Sumer. We will begin to make links across different civilisations including Sumer, Indus and Shang and make comparisons. Finally, we will explore the significance of artefacts and artwork from ancient civilisations.

RE

Our RE enquiry centres around 'More Hindu stories'. We will explore how ancient Hindu stories have sacred meanings for Hindu believers and recognise the meanings of symbols to Hindu believers. Finally, we will explain how the Hindu faith has changed over time.

PSHE

This term our PSHE theme is 'Celebrating differences'. We will discuss different conflicts that might happen and how they make us feel and explore strategies to help the situation. Our PSHE is taught using the Jigsaw scheme