



Parent Curriculum Overview

SPRING TERM 1 2024 CHESTNUT CLASS

ENGLISH

Our first English unit this half term will be on the traditional text, 'Paddington Goes to Town.' We will continue to focus on sentence construction and extending our sentences using a range of conjunctions and adverbials of time and place. We will introduce paragraphs as a way of grouping related material and inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. Our non-fiction unit will focus on writing poetry. The children will continue to be involved in daily guided reading sessions and regular 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 be finding out about light. We will learn to recognise that we need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light; light is reflected from surfaces; light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect your eyes. We will explore how shadows are formed when light from a source is blocked by an opaque object and find patterns in the way that the shadows change.

COMPUTING

This term our computing topic is Top Trumps and we will be developing their understanding of data and databases, children play with and create their own Top Trumps cards, learning how to interpret information by ordering and filtering

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 **Monday and Wednesday** afternoon. Please check that your child has the correct PE kit and their shoes are the right size.

French

We will continue to follow the Rachel Hawkes scheme of work and it will be taught by Mrs Carkett. The theme for this term is animals and colours.

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

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 then focus on measurement in millimetres (mm), centimetres (cm) and metres (m). Children will learn how these units of measurement relate to one another and convert between single and mixed units. 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.

GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, we will be learning about some of the world's different settlements with a big focus on the four capital cities of the UK. We will make comparisons across cities with a focus on transport and the economy.

History

In History this half term we continue travelling back in time to explore some of the ancient civilisations, in particular, the Indus Civilisation. We will learn about different sites and artefacts, making similarities across civilisations including: ancient Egypt, Maya, Sumer, Indus and Shang Dynasty.

RE

This half term we continue to focus on Hinduism, and we will be learning about the festivals and traditions in the Hindu faith. We look at how the Hindu faith has changed over time and a selection of stories with sacred meanings for Hindus.

PSHE

This term our PSHE theme is 'Dreams and Goals'. We will explore how to set realistic goals and think about how to achieve them, recognising obstacles to their success. We teach PSHE using the Jigsaw scheme.

Art

Our next objective will be focussing on animated drawing in 3D. We will be researching and creating our own moveable drawings and presenting them at the end of the unit.