



# Parent Curriculum Overview

SUMMER TERM 5 2024 CHESTNUT CLASS

## ENGLISH

Our first English unit this half term will be on the historical text 'Escape from Pompeii'. 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 recap paragraphs as a way of grouping related material and inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. Our non-fiction unit will focus on writing and information text linked to our history topic. 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.

## MATHEMATICS

This term we will develop our understanding of fraction and non-unit fraction and understand what the numerator and denominator represent. Children will compare and order simple unit fractions and also non-unit fractions where the denominators are equal. We will then focus on measuring, comparing, adding and subtracting mass (kg/g) and volume/capacity (l/ml). Finally, we will add and subtract amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p in practical contexts. 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 finding out about rocks. We will learn to recognise the types of rocks that are formed through the rock cycle and the process of fossilisation. We will also explore the work of Mary Anning.

## GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, we will be learning about volcanoes affect a place. We will explore how volcanoes are formed, active, dormant and extinct volcanoes and what happens when they erupt. Our case study will focus on Mount Edna.

## COMPUTINGs

This term we continue our computing topic of keeping safe online. The children will be learning about online safety: 'fake news', privacy settings, ways to deal with upsetting online content, protecting our personal information on social media.

## History

In History this half term we continue travelling back in time to explore some of the ancient civilisations, in particular, Ancient Greece. We will learn about the Peloponnesian War, the Parthenon, Greek Literature and the Odyssey and explore why the Greeks loved philosophy.

## Music

In music, we will continue to learn to play the Ocarina instrument through learning Dragon Song. We teach music using the Charanga scheme..

## RE

This half term we will continue to focus on the Hebrew Bible, the stories of Joseph, Moses and the Exodus and why these stories are important for Jews.

## 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. Arena will be teaching the children handball skills each Monday and learning how to play cricket in their Wednesday session.

## PSHE

This term our PSHE theme is Relationships'. We will build from the Relationship unit in Year 2 to learn about family roles and responsibilities and friendship and negotiation. We will explore how to stay safe online for help, being a global citizen and build an awareness of how other children have different lives. We teach PSHE using the Jigsaw scheme.

## French

We will continue to follow the Rachel Hawkes scheme of work. The theme for this term is describing things and people.

## DT

In DT we will be exploring pneumatics and designing, making, decorating and assembling a pneumatic toy. We will be using air pressure and balloons to make the toy move

## 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.