



# Parent Curriculum Overview

AUTUMN TERM 1 2025 CHESTNUT CLASS

## ENGLISH

Our first English unit this term will be based on the text 'The Beasties'. We will have a heavy focus on using adverbs of time, place and manner, using expanded noun phrases to add detail and beginning to use paragraphs in writing. Our next unit will focus on poetry and creating a poem travelling through different landscapes 'A River'. 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. One of our key objectives this year is for children to write in full cursive style. It would be beneficial for children to practice this at home where possible.

## SCIENCE

In Science we will be finding out about forces and magnets. We will be investigating different pulling and pushing forces (such as friction and gravity) that we can see in the world and ones that we can create ourselves. We will then further investigate the force of magnetism and how magnets attract and repel. We will also be investigating which different materials are magnetic and which ones are not.

## COMPUTING

This term our computing topics are 'sending an email'. We will learn about cyberbullying and fake emails. We will gain an understanding of what different components of a computer do.

## FRENCH

Our French is taught using the Rachel Hawkes scheme. The children will begin to learn different sounds in French and how they are spelt. Our focus will be In class and at home.

## PE

PE is on Monday and Thursday. Please check that your child has the correct PE kit and their shoes are the right size. The children will be focussing on Touch Rugby and Football.

## 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. I look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

## MATHEMATICS

Learning in Maths will begin by consolidating our understanding of place value, unpicking what numbers represent. We will then focus on developing our addition and subtraction by adding 1s and 10s across 10, using inverse operations and finding complements to 100. 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. It would be valuable for the children to continue to practice their 2,5 and 10 times tables at home as well as simple addition and subtraction calculations.

## Geography

This term our topic will be rivers. We will be looking at how rivers such as the Indus have shaped the land. We will also investigate how rivers begin and look into the water cycle.

## History

In our History learning this term, we will be learning about the people of Ancient Egypt. We will be investigating the archaeologist Howard Carter and what life was like for the Egyptians and how this has changed over time.

## ART

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

## 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.

## RE

This half term we will be focussing on Hinduism. We will be learning about the importance and origin of famous stories in the Hindu religion such as the story of Rama and Sita.