



Welcome back!

Welcome to the summer term! We hope you have had a lovely Easter break and are ready for the exciting and busy term ahead.

We are so proud of the commitment to learning all the children continue to show in Chestnut class and it's so wonderful to see them developing into confident and independent learners. As always, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Chestnut team, or message us on Class Dojo if you have any questions or want to discuss anything about your child's learning.

As we move into the warmer months, please can we ask children to bring a sun hat to school and apply sun cream before coming into school in the morning. We ask that sunglasses are not worn, unless there is a medical need. Please ensure your child has a full water bottle each day.

Many thanks

Mrs Preece, Mrs Hector, Mrs Bethell and Mrs. Maunders

- **Inquiry Question - How does nature around us affect animals and humans?**

How do different environments in Africa support life and growth?
Are physical features different in Africa?

**Expression and
Creativity**

Learning Skills

Through our inquiry we continue to teach specific learning skills. Children are recognised for these skills through the weekly Learning Skills Class award. The skills we encourage children to develop are: **Thinking, research, communication, social and self-management skills.**

Writing

Lila and the Secret of Rain - narrative writing focusing on the setting, using contractions and descriptive language.

Poetry - poems from around the world.

Spellings

Children will continue to have new spellings set on a **Monday morning** and a spelling quiz held on a **Friday morning**.

Please can you ensure spelling books are in school on these days and continue to ensure spellings are being practised at home ready for the quiz on Friday. There is space in the green spelling books to practice, your child may also like to write their spellings in different styles as detailed on the bottom of the spelling list each week. Further information will also be sent home weekly via Class Dojo with additional activities to support your child.

Times Tables

Children will continue to learn the multiplication facts for the 5, 10 and 2 times table and the associated division facts.

We will continue to have our quiz on a **Friday**, so that they can further demonstrate fluency and recall of these facts.

To help support your child, you can use the following websites;

Twinkl Go

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Maths

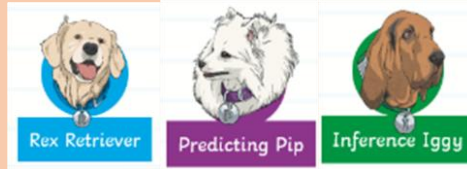
Fractions

Money

Time

Reading

Reading Skills - Twinkl Totally Pawsome Reading Gang



To Small Tola by Atinuke

Comprehension:

Retrieving factual information from texts about the continent of Africa.
Comparing traditional African Tales.

Humanities

Geography: Identifying what physical features are and how they compare to those in countries in Africa. Describing a country with a hot climate and comparing different types of climate.

RE: What do Christians believe about Agape? (Love)

Science

Animals including humans - understanding basic needs for survival; have offspring which grow into adults; the importance of exercise and a healthy lifestyle.

(Changing Me - 4) to recognise the physical differences between boys and girls and use correct names for parts of the body.

Our **Scientist Spotlight** this term is **Alexander Fleming** the microbiologist discovered penicillin—the first antibiotic. His discovery helps doctors treat infections and has saved millions of lives.

His work reminds us how curiosity and careful thinking can lead to amazing discoveries!

Art

Painting - Creating sunset backgrounds and adding silhouette animals inspired by the African Savannah.

PE

Sports Masters

Cricket

Class PE

Invasion Games

PE Days will be **Monday and Friday**.

PSHE

Axbridge Emotions Toolkit.

Dreams and Goals - JIGSAW unit of work.

Computing

Creating media - Digital Music

Scratch jr

Music

Around the World- Listen to music from around the world. Explore tempo, understanding that music can be at different speeds.

Further information about reading



Book change

It's really important children continue to read as much as possible outside of school. At level 6 and above, books will be changed when they have been read once, as the books become longer. As such, children do not need to read a whole book at once, please continue to record how many pages have been read and ensure the reading record is signed by an adult. Furthermore, please discuss their reading with them and ask them questions about what they have read. This helps show their understanding and is a vital skill to develop as they move through school.



Pawsome Gang Reading skills

As children progress through Key Stage 1 and become fluent readers, we begin to focus on developing their reading comprehension skills. This includes being able to retrieve information, discuss vocabulary, make inferences about characters and plot and consider the meaning behind the text. To support this, we use the Twinkl Pawsome Reading Gang. Each skill has a dog associated with it. To help develop these skills more at home, your child has already come home with a book mark with Pawsome Gang questions and discussion points. These are great to help you discuss your child's reading with them, especially if they are reading more independently.



Reading awards

It's been wonderful to see so many children already achieving their bronze reading award with many well on their way towards silver and even gold. Please help them achieve these awards by encouraging them, listening to them read, and signing their reading record daily.

Bronze - 50 reads Silver - 100 reads **Gold - 150 reads** Platinum - 200 reads



Reading for pleasure

We love reading in Chestnut Class and enjoy sharing books as a whole class. Last term we enjoyed taking part in 'book vent' and sharing our favourite books, we certainly added some to our class wish list! We are always happy to receive recommendations so please do let me know of any good books your child has read recently that they would like to share with the class.

Life in Chestnut Class

As we settle back into the term it has been wonderful to see the children are positive and ready to learn! We will continue to have our class 'Happy Helpers' which change each day and 'Table Captains' which change weekly.

Showing:

Every Friday we will continue with showing. The names will be displayed on the window as last term and we would now like the children to link their showing to our current learning. It can be linked to our inquiry or something else that the children would like to talk about from activities they have found interesting at school.



Fruit and milk for Snack Time:

Fruit is available at snack time. If your child prefers to bring in fruit from home, please can you ensure this is in a labelled container so we can easily identify it. If you would like to order milk for your child, please contact the school office for an order form. All children need to bring in a water bottle each day.

Uniform:

Please ensure all school uniform is clearly labelled. Any items that are not claimed and do not have a label will be put in the lost property box which can be located in the school office. PE kit must be worn on Mondays and Fridays. If your child has a school hoodie, these are to be worn on PE days only. Trainers are also only to be worn on PE days.

Please ensure children have a warm coat in school every day as PE and playtimes usually take place outside.



Homework and Learning Conversations

It's been great to see the work children have completed in their learning conversations and conversations that are happening at home. Please do continue to encourage and support your child to complete these and thank you for your continued support. Learning conversations will continue to come home on a Friday and must be handed in by the following Thursday at the latest. Children are expected to put their Learning Conversation book on the shelf at the front of our classroom when they have completed it.

Reading: Please continue to read daily with your child to encourage confidence and fluency.

Times table practise: Please use the websites highlighted above to support your children to learn their times tables. Also, look out for some simple times tables practice sheets which will be sent home in book bags.

Spellings: Spellings will be checked on a Friday and the scores will be recorded in green spelling books. Further activities are also available via Class Dojo.