



Chestnuts Newsletter

Spring

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BEHAVIOUR

It's good to be green!



Your child is aiming to show good 'green' behaviour at all times. Please ask your child if they have been green all week and help them to reflect on how they could improve the following week if necessary.

Things to remember:

- PE kits Tuesday / Friday
- Reading daily
- Reflect daily on learning

Class Homework Expectations:

- Please make sure that the children bring their reading books to school EVERY DAY, even if they haven't finished their book; the books are needed every day.
- Please help your child to learn all the times tables from 1 to 12 by heart.
- Smilies are awarded for all Homework completed



CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S WORK

We value children's achievements extremely highly and always display the children's creativity and hard work in class. Please feel free to pop in at home time to see your child's achievements.

Literacy

In literacy this term the children will focus on improving their vocabulary and aiming for consistency of grammar as expected at KS2. To this end, we continue to develop spelling, punctuation and grammar through our weekly VIPERS comprehension activities linking these to our current topic of SPACE. We are also looking at different types of poetry in preparation of a showcase poem. Our captivating class read is 'Cosmic' by author Frank Cottrell Boyce.

Maths

We start this term in Numeracy recalling timetables and factor pairs, using that knowledge to develop mental and written methods of multiplication and division. Later this term we will learn how to measure area, understand various fractions of a whole and how to express them as a decimal.

What your child will be learning this term:

Our topic is Space. Children will learn the sequence, names and features of the planets in our Solar system. They will have the opportunity to build a model rocket using cardboard and paints. Through Art, the children will understand the concept of orbiting, they will then make the equipment needed to become an astronaut. We will be looking at circles and discovering artists who have used them in their work. We shall find out how to draw circles using protractors. During PE, the children are focusing on movement, footwork, dodging and tracking skills leading to playing Netball and using it as an opportunity to learn about the effects of exercise on the heart and body.

In Science we will be analysing types of rocks according to durability and permeability. We will also look at the properties of oxygen and the Oxygen cycle.