



**SWANNINGTON
CofE PRIMARY
SCHOOL**



Chestnut Autumn 1 Newsletter

This term's learning

In English, we will be writing narratives based on a legend. We will be using the story of Medusa as our stimulus. This will include using expanded noun phrases, direct speech and extending our sentences.

In Maths, we will be starting with place value where we will be working on our understanding of number. We will then be applying this knowledge with addition and subtraction. We will also be looking at statistics; in these small steps, we will be learning to read, interpret and draw pictograms.

Our Geography topic will include exploring how our local area has changed over time, including recognising human and physical features in our area. We will be learning about the period of time from the Stone Age to the Iron Age within our History topic. This will include exploring the different tools they made, and how trade and travel changed across the period.

Within DT, we will be learning about nutrition and having a go at tasting and cooking different soups. Our Science topic will be 'Forces and Magnets'. We will be investigating friction and whether materials are magnetic or not.

In R.E. we will be exploring the question 'What do Christians learn from the story of Creation?' Within this topic we will be looking at the value that Christians place on asking God for forgiveness, the duty that they place on caring for God's Creation. We will also recognise and value different views, recognising that not everyone believes that God created the world.



A big welcome and welcome back to Chestnut Class!

Your child will be taught by Mrs Maybury from Monday to Wednesday, and Mrs Thomas from Thursday to Friday. Mrs Maybury will still be in school Thursday and Friday, but will be fulfilling her role as Senior teacher and SENCo.

Dates/Info:

All the upcoming events are on Dojo and our newsletter. We update Dojo with what we've been doing in class and any messages or reminders you need to know- so please keep an eye on it.

Need to know...

Chestnut class have their P.E lessons on a Thursday and a Friday. Please ensure children have their P.E kits with them. Occasionally this has to change due to a timetable clash, so please try and send kit in at the beginning of the week. Spelling tests take place on a Thursday morning. New spellings are given and practised in class on a Friday. A copy of these will be given to children to take home to practise and they will be on Spelling Shed also.

At home it would be great to

...help your child to complete their homework. This is to aim to read at home 4 times a week. It is important that children build up their reading fluency to support their comprehension work. Reading records are checked on a Monday morning, with children receiving a dojo point for every time they read at home, and an extra bonus point for completing the 4 reads in a week. In addition to this, children will be expected to go on Times table Rockstars for a minimum of 10 minutes a week (2 minutes 5 times is best). Your child can obviously do longer if they wish, but we want to keep it fun. We have found that 'little and often' really does work. To begin with, children will need to go onto 'garage'. Securing a good understanding and knowledge of times tables will help them in all areas of maths, and prepares them for the national multiplication check that children undertake at the end of year 4. Every Friday children are rewarded for their efforts in T.T.R.S with stickers and dojo points; we love celebrating in our podium ceremony. Please support your children with learning their spellings. This can be done in whichever way works best for your child- Spelling Shed is available as a tool to use for this.

If you have any questions, or there's anything you need help with, then please come and see either of us, or message us on Class Dojo. Mrs Maybury and Mrs Thomas 😊