

Chestnut Class 2020-2021

Dear Parents and Year 3 children,

Welcome to Year 3 and Key Stage 2! Some of the information in this letter will be the same as the one sent out before the summer holiday now we've almost done a whole week!

The children have all settled into Key Stage 2 really well. There is a lot of new rules and routines but we are working through them slowly and everyone is working really hard.

Curriculum

Most of our lessons will be linked to our topics (English, Art, D.T., Geography and History). Computing, Music, PSHE, RE and Science will be taught as discrete lessons. Maths will be taught through the White Rose Maths Scheme which I'm sure you've all become familiar with during our home schooling adventure! We will also continue Time Tables Rockstars in maths lessons too and we will set regular battle to complete at home. The children will also be learning French.

Our topics will be linked to key texts:

- Autumn Term: The Minpins by Roald Dahl. We will be focusing on the geography of the United Kingdom, Kings and Queens, our local area, drawing landscapes and great British dishes.
- Spring Term: The Egyptians

We will be working closely with Year 4 for most of our English and Topic lessons. We are hoping to be able to go on a trip towards the end of the topic but for now under the guidelines this is unable to be planned.

Reading and Spellings

We have given everyone a reading book now and are hoping to move many children onto 'free reading' by Christmas. In the meantime, whilst we usually keep reading books for Key Stage 2 in school we will be sending them home each night so they can get through the stages of the scheme a little quicker. We do need them in school each day for ERIC (Everyone Reading in Class) and they will be changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Children on free reading will change their books independently

when they have finished them. Teachers will be hearing children read during the week and in guided reading sessions.

Raffle tickets for reading will continue to be given out and it's easy to collect them with a daily independent reading session in school!

Spellings will be given out at the beginning of each half term and the children will have words for each week. They will now be put into context with a dictation format which the children have got used to this year in Year 2.

P.E.

We have 2 P.E. lessons a week on Wednesday and Thursday. Swimming runs on a Wednesday in the Autumn and Summer terms and P.E. will be taught by a coach on Thursday afternoon. We will be doing tennis, football, dance, golf and cricket. We will also have the opportunity to attend a wide variety of competitions and festivals throughout the year in Key Stage 2. Children will need full P.E. kit that is named and children with pierced ears will need earring tape for school P.E. lessons and for earrings to be removed on swimming days.

Please can children wear PE kit to school on their PE days.

Homework

We have decided to send only maths homework at the moment this term. We feel everyone has done lots at home during lockdown and we really want children to catch up with their reading and spelling first. Maths homework will be sent out on Tuesday night to be returned on Friday morning. This will usually be a times tables sheet or a worksheet for children to complete.

Rewards and sanctions.

These will continue in the same way. The children can earn house points or Dojos in class for their behaviour or work. We will be also collecting Dojos as a class to work towards enough for a class treat.

Sanctions will be given in the form of 'strikes' for behaviour which breaks the school rules. Children who receive 3 strikes in one given day will have a time out with Mrs Moore during a break time and you will be notified if this has taken place. We also monitor children carefully who are

receiving a number of strikes over the week but may not ever reach 3 in any given day.

Times Tables Rockstars

We have now sent out all log ins again and we would encourage children to practise their tables at home. In Year 3 we learn the 3s, 4s and 8s and recap the 2s, 5s and 10s from Year 2.

If you would like to discuss anything with me, please ring school to arrange an appointment or contact me via email. We are trying to limit conversations at the gate at the moment.

We're all having a great time so far - it's good to have them back again!

Miss Cartwright ☺

