

Chestnut Class Newsletter: Summer 2019



Welcome back - I hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

We are already two weeks into what will be a very busy summer term for us. Chestnut Class has many exciting activities on the horizon including preparing for our next Community Café, taking part in our topic related science and STEM lessons, and preparing for the whole school production at the end of the year.

Year 6 pupils have been preparing for SATs, which commence the week beginning Monday 13th May. The timetable for 2019 KS2 SATs is as shown below.

Timetable for 2019 KS2 SATs

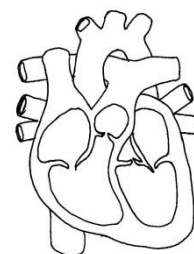
Date	Subject
Monday 13 May 2019	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 1 Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 2
Tuesday 14 May 2019	English Reading
Wednesday 15 May 2019	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 16 May 2019	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

During SATs week, pupils in Year 5 will also be assessed with formal tests.

You can find a copy of the Chestnut Class Curriculum Overview attached, which outlines the key areas of learning this term.

How does my heart work?

During this topic we will learn about the human circulatory system, and the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will also learn how diet and exercise affect the body.



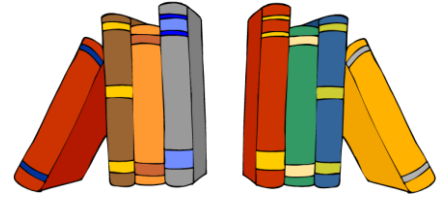
Chestnut Class Community Café

Our next Community Café will be held on **Friday 24th May 2.30pm - 3.30pm**. We hope that you will be able to join us and, as with previous cafés, would be very grateful for your help and support.



Reading

Pupils should bring their home reading diary and independent reading book to school every day. Children should record what they have read and how much they have read in their diary, which in turn should be signed by a parent/guardian on three occasions each week.



We check reading diaries each **Friday** in school. Children who have three signatures in their diary will receive a raffle ticket, which will be entered into our end of term reading raffle. The holders of the first three winning tickets have the opportunity to pick a new reading book.

Please encourage your child to develop a regular reading pattern at home to further improve their literacy skills.

P.E.



This term Mr. Johnson (AAA Coaching) will teach P.E. to Chestnut Class each Friday afternoon.

As well as continuing with our daily run, we have begun skipping with a rope for a few minutes each day. Skipping is an extremely effective cardiovascular exercise and has many other benefits including improvements in core strength and stability, and improvements in concentration and co-ordination.

Things to remember




Please remind your child to bring their book bag containing their current reading book, spelling book, homework diary, Maths Matters jotter and target book, to school **every day**. Please check your child's book bag regularly for letters and any other communications from school.

Spelling homework:

Spelling homework is set on a Monday, to be completed by Friday of the same week in their spelling jotter.

Target homework:

Target rota time has been interrupted recently to accommodate changes to our class timetable during the 'run-up' to SATs and will be reinstated on Monday 13th May.

	<p>English and mathematics targets will be set on a two weekly rota this term. Pupils will be advised of the completion date for this work during their class target time with the teacher.</p> <p><u>Maths Matters:</u></p> <p>Please encourage your child to continue learning their times table facts to support fluency and speed in mental calculation. At each level, pupils must achieve accuracy on at least three occasions to progress to the next challenge. To support this, children are encouraged to learn and practise their multiplication and division facts regularly. (The 'Topmarks' website is useful for practising selected skills.)</p>
<p><u>P.E.</u></p>	<p>Pupils should bring their P.E. kit to school <u>each week</u> on Monday morning. Pupils will require a blue P.E. t-shirt (available from the office), white/navy shorts, socks and trainers. Tracksuits are still appropriate for outdoors depending on the weather.</p>

Parent Volunteers

We are very fortunate to have volunteers who read regularly with some of our Chestnut pupils. However, we are always grateful for volunteers to help in class, to assist on trips or to share expertise with the pupils. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering for any of the above.

I hope to see many of you at our next **Community Café** on **Friday 24th May**. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to come and chat if you have any questions about any of the above.

Best wishes and many thanks for your continuing support,

Karen Prudence
Chestnut Class Teacher

