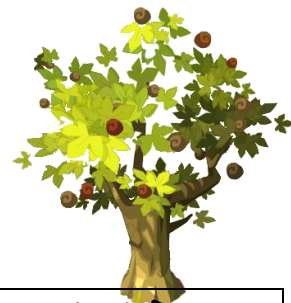

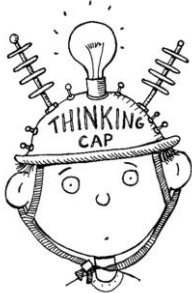




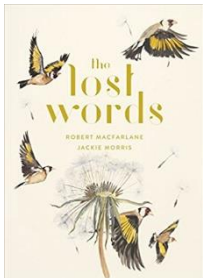


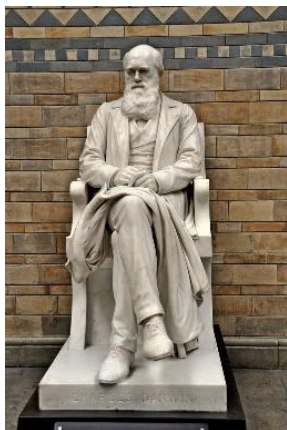




Chestnut Class Routines



Spring Term 2020



	<u>Information</u>	<u>Important Days</u>
<u>Homework diaries</u>	<p>The children have homework diaries to help them organise their learning and routines such as homework deadlines, and any other important information.</p> <p>The homework diary provides a useful means of communication between school and home. Homework diaries are checked every Friday to monitor home reading.</p> <p>Please look out for letters.</p>	<p>Pupils should bring homework diaries to school each day and take them home each afternoon.</p> 
<u>Home learning books</u>	<p>Pupils will be set home learning tasks and activities throughout the term when appropriate. These tasks and the date for completion will be discussed with the children in class and recorded in their homework diaries. Home learning activities may also be accompanied by an information letter.</p> <p>Currently, spelling homework is set each Monday and due for completion by Friday of the same week. Pupils can, of course, hand in homework before the due date.</p> <p>Home learning allows you to keep abreast of the small steps that make a significant impact on your child's learning and progress.</p> <p>Please check your child's homework diary for details of his/her home learning and support them in completing these tasks.</p>	<p>Pupils should bring homework diaries to school each day and take them home each afternoon.</p> 
<u>Home reading</u>	<p>Pupils in Year 5/6 should continue to read regularly at home. This could involve reading independently, sharing books or holding discussions about what your child is reading.</p> 	<p>Independent reading book in school every day and home in the book bag every evening.</p>

<p><u>Home reading (contd.)</u></p>	<p>The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.</p> <p>-Dr. Seuss</p> <p>The children are expected to keep a record of home reading in their homework diary. It is expected that pupils read for at least 20 minutes five times a week. In their reading diary, children should share what they have read and how much they have read, which in turn should be signed by a parent/guardian on three occasions each week.</p> <p>Your support in this area is very much appreciated.</p> <p>Homework diaries will be collected and checked each Friday - if there are three signed entries in the diary, your child will receive a raffle ticket, which will be entered into our weekly reading raffle giving the winner the opportunity to choose a new book to keep from a selection in class.</p>	
<p><u>Spelling</u></p>	<p>Spelling will be taught in class. Pupils will be asked to carry out a weekly spelling investigation to familiarise themselves with the spelling pattern/rule/structure taught.</p> <p>Details of spelling homework activities can be found in your child's spelling jotter.</p> <p>Learning will be assessed during supervised work in school.</p>	<p>Pupils should bring their spelling book to school each day and take it home each afternoon.</p>
<p><u>Topic</u></p>	<p>Our topics this term include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lost Words • Do you inherit the ability to roll your tongue? (Evolution and inheritance) • Is God real? • What's the best method to jump the 'creek'? (STEM) 	

	<p>During our study of evolution and inheritance, the pupils will learn how Charles Darwin developed his theory of evolution. They will explore and consider the scientific evidence from plants and animals that has been gathered to support his theory. As part of our topic, we will travel to London on Tuesday 25th February to visit the Natural History Museum and participate in a workshop led by museum education staff.</p> <p>Our R.E. lessons are intended to help pupils understand why some people believe in God and why believing in God makes a difference in their lives. It is also an important opportunity for pupils to develop and ask important questions.</p>	
<p><u>P.E.</u></p>  <p>PE Shirt & Shorts</p>	<p>Pupils will have one swimming lesson each week. Forest School lessons will account for our other weekly P.E. session this term and will take place every Tuesday afternoon. Notwithstanding the above, pupils should continue to bring P.E. kit to school every Monday.</p> <p>This term we have recommenced our 'Daily Mile' run. To accommodate other outdoor activities already in the timetable, pupils will run/jog/walk at their own pace for ten minutes three times a week.</p> <p>The 'Daily Mile' is not considered sport or PE, but rather health and wellbeing through physical activity. It's a simple and straightforward initiative that has been acknowledged for reducing childhood obesity and is recognised within the UK Government's Childhood Obesity Strategy.</p> <p>During colder weather, warmer clothes are recommended for all outdoor activities.</p>	<p>P.E. kits in school every day. (This includes trainers for break times.)</p>  
<p><u>Swimming</u></p>	<p>Swimming will commence on Thursday 9th January. Pupils should bring their swimming kit to school every Thursday.</p> 	<p>Swimming kit will be required every Thursday.</p>

<p><u>Forest School</u></p>	<p>We are lucky enough to be able to take part in a block of Forest School lessons each Tuesday afternoon of this term.</p> <p>During these sessions pupils will not only benefit from the opportunity to explore and investigate nature, but also to improve physical fitness, and health and wellbeing. We can work in a cross-curricular way as we will be able to integrate many other subjects into our learning e.g. science, mathematics, writing, geography etc.</p>	<p>Warm, waterproof outdoor clothes including wellington boots will be required every Tuesday.</p> 
<p><u>Chestnut Community Cafe</u></p>	<p>Our next Community Café will be held on Friday 14th February and will have a St Valentine theme.</p> <p>Your child/ren will provide more details about our café nearer the date.</p>	
<p><u>Year 6 SATs</u></p>	<p>Parents/guardians of pupils in Year 6 are invited to attend a short information session about the Year 6 SATs on Friday 17th January at 2.30pm in Chestnut classroom.</p> <p>Please do come if you can 😊</p>	

I hope this is helpful and provides the information you need to support your child's learning in Chestnut Class.

Please feel free to come and chat about any queries you may have.

Many thanks for your support,

Karen Prudence

Chestnut Class Teacher

Chestnut Class Weekly Overview

What do I need to bring to school?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P.E. kit (To be kept in school all week)	P.E. kit	P.E. kit	P.E. kit Swimming kit	P.E. kit
Reading diary/independent reading book	Reading diary/independent reading book	Reading diary/independent reading book	Reading diary/independent reading book	Reading diary/independent reading book
<i>Spelling homework handed out</i>	Forest School clothes			<i>Spelling homework due</i> <i>Reading diaries checked</i>
Spelling workbook	Spelling workbook	Spelling workbook	Spelling workbook	Spelling workbook
Water bottle	Water bottle	Water bottle	Water bottle	Water bottle