



'How wonderful, how pleasing it is when all God's people come together as one.'

Monday 13th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

CHESTNUT CLASS LETTER – SUMMER 2026

I hope you all had an amazing Easter break. Please see some key information below for the coming term:

Staff Team

- The Chestnut Class team will consist of myself, Miss Jones, Mrs Fox, and Mrs Bradbury (Monday-Thursday). Mrs Hankins and Mrs Meagan will also spend time in Chestnut Class throughout the week.
- These adults will support the class with their lessons and activities alongside myself, with some children accessing some additional support from them too. Please do ask if you have any questions about the support your child is receiving.
- On Tuesdays the class will be covered by Mrs Smith and Miss Jones so I can fulfil my duties as SENCo. Ms England will also take the class for one of their PE lessons on a Tuesday. Ms Sharman will teach the class on Wednesday afternoons, and will be teaching Music and DT.

PE

- Although our PE days will typically be on Tuesdays and Thursdays PE kits should be in school every day (this is particularly important this term as we will be doing lots of preparation for our May dancing events). Please ensure that your child has jogging bottoms and a jumper in their PE bags as well as shorts and a t-shirt. If your child regularly wears tights to school please also add a pair of socks to their PE bag and ensure that everything is labelled with your child's name. Hair should be tied back and earrings removed for PE lessons. Hairbands can be added to PE bags if preferred.

Homework

- A homework sheet is attached, with a range of activities to be chosen from to share during 'Gallery Day'. There will also be weekly tasks set linked to phonics/spelling and maths through EdShed. Your child's log on information is written into their reading record. This term we are also introducing some Maths fluency activities -look out for a letter detailing information on this and some at home activities to complete.

Reading and Phonics

- Year 1 will continue to have daily phonics lessons, which will begin to focus more and more on preparation for the Phonics Screening Check, which takes place in June. A meeting is being held on **Thursday 23rd April at 3.30pm** to share more information on this.
- Year 2 will have spelling lessons during this time, and all children will have a reading lesson 3 times a week.
- Many of our Year 2 children have now reached (or are approaching) the end of the 'Little Wandle' reading scheme and will bring home a book from the 'ZPD' scheme instead. The children can select any book from their 'range' and complete a short quiz once they've finished the book – this is done independently and can be completed as and when they are

ready. 'Quizzing' is set up each morning – do feel free to remind your child of this at drop off in front of an adult!

- Your child is welcome to change their 'reading for pleasure' book as often as they wish.
- The library is open on Friday lunchtimes, and the children are welcome to access this and select and change books.

Attached to this letter is a termly overview, detailing the topics that we will be covering over the next few weeks. A lot of our learning will link to the topic 'Magnificent Monarchs', which looks at the history of the British monarchy, with a particular focus on Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, Elizabeth II and William the Conqueror. In Maths we are going to start the term with the continuation of work on multiplication and division and statistics. As always, it would be much appreciated if you could continue working on reading, mental maths and spellings at home where possible.

As always, if you'd like further information please reach out.

Our class email address is chestnutclass@croughtonschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Curtis