

Welcome to Chestnuts Class.

What a busy week we have all had with lots of new people to get to know and learning how we do things this year in Chestnuts. As a new staff member, the children have been extremely kind in helping me get used to the ways of the school – a great experience for us all to get to know each other. The children have all been wonderful and have been tackling all the activities with great enthusiasm.

The children have been able to get used to their new environment as well as getting back into the routine of school and getting to their classes around school.

This letter is to let you know about some of the things we have talked to the children about this week and a little more about some of the routines in Chestnuts.

Staff

In case you don't know the staff in Chestnut Class are as follows:

Class Teacher Monday – Wednesday and Friday – Miss Applegate

Class Teacher Thursday – Mrs Corbett

Maths for Year 1 will be taught by Miss Chan, and for Year 2 will be taught by Miss Applegate

Thursday's Maths will be a class based skills lesson, where the children will build on their fluency and numeracy skills in more practical ways. This will be taught by Mrs Corbett.

Teaching Assistants – Mrs Corbett and Mrs Brewer

Reading Books

We will send home a reading book by the end of next week with your child, basing it on the colour they were reading last term. We will be assessing the children over the next few weeks and making any necessary changes. Please could we ask that you read at home with your child every day and write which book they are reading in their Reading Record. The children can change their book any day of the week after reading it at least twice at home.

Home Learning

Home Learning will consist of a Maths, Spelling and Topic activity each week and includes Daily Reading. We will be handing out homework on a Friday to be returned on a Wednesday. Again, we aim to get the first home learning out the week after next.

Project

Our project is called 'Dinosaur Planet!' this term and there will be an accompanying project map with this letter.

P.E

Our P.E days are **Monday** and **Thursday**. P.E kits should be in school every day as occasionally we may have to swap our P.E days with another class. Our P.E day may change in the Spring Term but we will let you know when/if this happens.

We hope this helps you know a little bit more about Chestnut Class but please do come and speak to us if you are unsure about anything, we will get you answers as soon as we can.

Have a lovely weekend and we hope the children are not too tired!

The Chestnuts Team