

Chestnut Class, Year 3

Spring Term 1

January - February 2022



How do people benefit from living near a river?

Miss Elson

Happy New Year Chestnut Class!

I hope that you had a fun Christmas and made lots of memories with your family. Let's make this new year an exciting one full of learning and making new memories.!

This term we will explore the themes of hopeful, social and curiosity

English

Throughout this term we will be looking at *The Rhythm of the Rain* by Grahame Baker-Smith. This clever non-fiction picture book is a celebration of the water cycle, which captures the remarkable movement of water across the earth in all its majesty.

Early in the term the children will use the text as inspiration for writing their own setting narrative, before moving onto studying the features and language used in information leaflets.

We will be focussing on grammar throughout the term and will be working on using correct terminology including: preposition, conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant, vowel and inverted commas.

Maths

At the beginning of the term children will focus on fractions. They will be rotating two lines around a fixed point to make different sized angles and will investigate angles in different shapes.

The children will learn about right angles and polygons.

Later in the term, children will learn to add and subtract pairs of 2 and 3 digit numbers using different methods. They will use methods of adjustment, redistribution and partitioning for calculation and will find the difference between 3 digit multiples of 10.

Children will use their learning in solving multi-step addition and subtraction problems and will explain why the order of steps in a multi-step problem can be chosen.

Geography

This term, the children will answer our big question 'How do people benefit from living near a river?'

The children will investigate how rivers are formed and will follow the journey of a river and the features found along the way. They will learn about the journey and uses of local rivers and will find out about the ten major rivers in the world and the continents through which they flow.

Children will consider why settlements in early Britain were built along rivers and will discover how we use rivers for transport, industry and leisure.

Science

This term the children will be completing a scientist study. More information will be coming about this very soon.

RE and PSHE

This term the children will be focussing on Christianity and will be attempting to answer the question 'How do Christians use the Bible to help them with their lives?'

Throughout the term, children will learn about how the internet is used and how information is accessed. They will learn how to stay safe online and the value of rules and laws.

Home Learning

Homework for the week will be posted on Google Classroom on a Friday and should be completed by Wednesday. Teachers will inform the children how to complete this and place any extra information needed on Google Classroom.

Read at home 5 times a week - Strive for Five! This can be achieved through reading the school book provided or reading other texts that they have access to at home. Please ensure that you write all reads into the reading log and send these to school daily. Every read counts towards their 100 reads, earning them a new book to keep forever.

Trockstars/ Numbots - Access these regularly to ensure that their number facts and times tables recall and recognition is quick and can support them in their maths work.

Spellings - Spelling books are sent home each night for children to practice and should be returned daily. They will be tested at least once a fortnight and will progress through their booklets accordingly.

All Login details for online homework are in the front of your child's reading record along with their Google Classroom login.

Reminders

Water Bottles - Every child should bring a water bottle to school each day and take this home to be cleaned each afternoon.



PE - This half term, PE will be on a **Wednesday**

On Wednesday, your child should come to school in their white PE t-shirt, their school jumper/cardigan and either plain black leggings or plain black jogging bottoms (these can be purchased from local supermarkets and should not be branded).

They may come in their red shorts if the weather is warm.



Remote Learning - Remote learning will be provided for any children self-isolating and unless they are too ill, this should be completed daily.

Our remote learning is posted on Google Classroom.

Login details for this are in the front of your child's reading record.

