



Chestnut Class, Year 3

Spring Term 2

February - March 2022

## How far can you throw your shadow?

Miss Elson

### Welcome back Year 3!

Can you believe that we are half way through this school year? You have learnt so much and I am very proud of you all. Let's have another great term!

This term we will explore the themes of composure, individuality and creativity.

### English

This term we will be using the book *Jemmy Button* by Alix Barzelay to inspire our writing. The picture book is inspired by the life of Jemmy Button who was a native of Tierra de Fuego, brought to England in the 1800s to be 'educated' and 'civilised'.

Early in the term the children will use the text as inspiration for writing their own return narrative, before moving on to study the features and language used in letter writing.

We will continue to focus on grammar throughout the term and will be using the 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 use their addition and subtraction strategies in solving multi-step addition and subtraction problems and will explain why the order of steps in a multi-step problem can be chosen.

We will then move on to learn about column addition. Children will use their knowledge of place value in correctly laying out column addition and will add 2-digit numbers using regrouping in both the tens and ones columns.

Later in the term children will focus on the 2, 4 and 8 times tables. We will represent counting in 4s and 8s as times tables and will use our knowledge of the relationship between the 2, 4 and 8 times tables, to solve problems.

### Date for the diary

Year 3 will be holding a maths parent event on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2.30pm. This will be a great opportunity for children to share their learning with parents and to apply this in practical ways which can be continued at home.

### Science

Our curriculum has a science focus this term as we learn about light and shadows. Children will consider what light is and will identify different light sources. They will learn that darkness is the absence of light and that it is impossible to see without light. Children will learn that light travels in straight lines and will set up simple comparative tests to discover how light reflects from a variety of different surfaces.

The children will discover how shadows are formed and how the position of the light source affects the size and length of a shadow. They will create and use shadow puppets as they explore light and will relate their learning to their understanding of the Earth's rotation and the pattern of day and night.

### RE and PSHE

This term the children will be focussing on Christianity and will be attempting to answer the question 'What do I think about Jesus and how is he portrayed in art from around the world?'

Throughout the term we will be learning about different jobs and skills, challenging job and gender stereotypes and the importance of setting personal goals.

## 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 **Tuesday and Wednesday**

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 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.

