



# Chestnut Newsletter

## Autumn 1 Term 2023-24



Upcoming Diary Dates:

**School photos;**

Friday 22nd

September.

Harvest celebrations in the final week before half term.



General Class News:

Welcome to all the Chestnut starters and welcome to both new and existing parents. We have had a great start to the academic year. Pupils have been getting to know each other and doing a lot of team building activities.

They can get house points/rewards throughout the day for working hard and following all the behaviour expectations. The class have already had a reward of using the Go Carts :) and they loved it!

During strategy time we will be doing a lot of fun activities where they are going to practise different skills which meets some of the EHCP targets.

Maths

This term we will start with reading and writing numbers up to 100, and counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. A good website for pupils is:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

We will then move on to addition and subtraction then 2D and 3D Shapes.

English

We will start by looking at autobiographies and in particular 'Boy' by Roald Dahl. Student will have a chance to read some and write some autobiographical texts. After half term, students will be looking at some Classic Fiction. They will look at the stories and also the time when these stories were written. They will also be working on Read Write Inc phonics.

## RSHE

Within the Self Awareness unit this term students will be focusing on identifying personal strengths and developing skills for learning. The second unit is part of Self Care, Support and safety. We will explore what might make someone frightened/worried and the strategies to manage this. We will also consider the differences between public and private.

## Science

Pupils will learn the Particle model. They will relate the features of the particle model to the properties of materials in different states. Students will take part in various practical experiments.

## PE

Will be playing a variety of invasion games- sports that involve teamwork and control of an opponent's territory . Chestnut class will have an external coach this half term on Wednesdays.

## Other subjects:

### Art:

We will be using primary and secondary colours to create personal pieces of art work using a range of media. They will also use clay to make simple 3D objects and learn how to mould, shape, join and colour clay work. We are also doing our self-portrait and looking at all the features.

### Outdoor learning:

Pupils will study how the changing of the season and the approach of winter affects local flora and fauna as well as engaging in a variety of outdoor based skills around the school grounds.

## **Any other useful information—**

Don't forget to use the home school book for any daily messages.