

Curriculum Overview

Spring 2 2024

Chestnut Tree Class

Welcome back to the school! This term promises an exciting journey of learning and discovery. Our focus will be on fostering a deeper understanding of various subjects, encouraging curiosity, and honing essential skills.

Alongside academic pursuits, we are dedicated to creating a supportive and engaging environment that nurtures both intellectual and personal growth.

Let's embark on this educational adventure together, making the most of every opportunity to learn, explore, and thrive. Here's to a successful and enriching term ahead!

Kindest regards,

Miss James



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Important information:

- Please ensure all your children's clothing is labelled clearly with their name.
- Please consider booking non-emergency appointments out of school time to avoid missed learning.

Key dates

Important dates for Spring Term 2nd half 2024

Tuesday February 20th	Spring term part 2 starts for all children from 8:45am.	Tuesday February 27th	Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Emotional School Based Avoidance session with Chi our WAMHS Support
Wed-Fri February 28th - March 1st	Final Ufton Court Camp for Year 4 children. Depart 8:00am 28/2/24	Wednesday March 6th	Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping at home with spelling (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Thursday March 7th	World Book Day Come to school and read with your child - Children can dress up as a book character or wear comfy clothes.	Tuesday March 12th	Coffee Morning for parents and carers Self Care for Parents with Chi WAMHS
Thursday March 14th	Coffee Morning for parents and carers Yr 6 assessment information session 8:45am in person & 5:00pm online	Friday March 15th	Red Nose Day Children are encouraged to wear red and wear a red nose. Available from the office for £2.
Friday March 15th	Outstanding Celebration Please join us for a celebration afternoon tea in your child's class from 2:30pm	Tuesday & Wednesday March 19th & 20th	Children's Progress Meetings for Parents From 3:50pm - bookings essential
Monday - Wednesday March 25th - 27th	Yr 6 Residential PGL trip to Liddington, Wiltshire. Bus departs 8:00am 25/3/24	Thursday March 28th	Spring term ends School finishes at 1:45pm. (No clubs or After School Care)

Reading

In Reading, we will be reading a range of text, including 'Zlata's Diary' which builds onto our learning in Geography regarding reasons as to why someone might need to leave the country they grew up in.

This text will offer many opportunities to discuss and debate the author's language choices and learn new vocabulary. We will continue to practise strategies such as retrieval and inference skills alongside to further understand the text.

RE

As we get closer to Easter, we will ask What happens in churches during Lent? During our weekly RE lessons, the children are encouraged to ask questions and refer to texts from The Bible as we explore the spiritual side of the curriculum.

Computing

In Computing, we will be exploring what a website is and how they are connected on the world wide web. We will then be designing our own website about e-safety giving us the opportunity to work collaboratively on producing original content for the website.

PE days

PE this term is on Thursdays. Please ensure children come to school in the correct PE uniform.

Writing

In Writing, we will explore the story of 'The Island' by Armin Greder which explores what it's like to be an outsider in a community. We will use this as a stimulus for the children to really focus on their descriptive writing skills. We are currently using the text, In the sea, there are crocodiles for diary writing before moving onto factual writing a newspaper report. In all our writing cycles, we will continue to help the children learn spelling, grammar and punctuation to support their writing in addition to helping them understand the different purposes.

Maths

In our mathematics curriculum, we will be delving into the realm of decimal fractions, honing our skills in their calculation. Additionally, we will be exploring the concepts of factors, multiples, and primes to strengthen our understanding of these fundamental mathematical principles.

History / Geography

Our unit this half of term continues the theme of immigration and the impact it has had on our country. We will also explore in Geography how war and famine drives migration and the effect it has on the countries they seek to travel to. We will also consider what can be done to help refugees.

Science

Throughout this term, the students will further expand their understanding of material properties, delving into the exploration of states of matter and the processes by which they undergo changes. Our focus will involve scientific inquiries into altering the state of matter and subsequently reversing those changes.



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*This half term in
Year 5 we are
thinking, learning
and remembering...*



Our class reader this half term is...

