



CHESTNUT CLASS

Summer Term Newsletter 2019

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a wonderful Easter, we are looking forward to a busy Summer Term, once again we thank you for your continued support at home and school.
Many thanks Miss Sellar and Miss Ellicott.

Topic

Our first Summer Term topic is 'Farm to Fork' We will begin the first half term by looking at where our food comes from. We will explore the area which we live in and the crops local farms are able to grow. We will also look at food miles, taking a number of foods from around the world and understanding how far they have travelled to get from the field to the fork.

In the second half term, we are going to be exploring minibeasts and bugs in our topic 'A bug's life' We will explore the habitats around school, hunting for minibeasts and explore the importance of minibeasts in the habitats and ecosystems around school.

Our Art and D&T work will be linked to our Topic work. We will use the artwork of David Hockney and his work on the Yorkshire wolds to create our own oil pastel pictures. We will also explore some patterns in nature, especially looking at the spider webs and honeycomb structures.

Our English and Drama lessons will also, where possible, be linked to our topic. We will create a number of information texts based on our food, as well as persuasive writing encouraging people to buy local produce. During our minibeast topic we will write our own minibeast stories and write instructions, diaries and letters.

In Science, our focus will be seasonal changes and we will continue to look at plants. We will explore the changes which happen over the seasons and the effect this has. We will then move on to animals and humans, with a specific focus on minibeasts. We will explore what we need to survive and the different groups of animals which we have and how they are grouped.

In RE we will learn about 'The Big Questions' and 'Worship and Festivals' We will explore the big questions in religion and challenge beliefs. We will also find out about religious worship and what this looks like in practice. We will also explore some of the religious festivals and their importance in the year.

In Computing the children will continue to explore our new chromebooks, working with the google classroom and understanding this. We will develop our coding skills, creating algorithms to make things work and understanding how to decode these too.

PE and Games Lessons

This term PE sessions will be outdoor sessions developing ball skills and putting these into game situations as well as athletics. These will be held on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Pupils will therefore need their outdoor kit in school as well as both outdoor and indoor shoes.

Please ensure your child's **full PE kit is in school every day and that all items are clearly named.**

Please also ensure that any earrings can be taken out or that tape is provided for your child.

Daily Routine:

Each morning the pupils have a phonics (Read, Write, Inc) session, maths, assembly and then English.

During the afternoons we focus on the Foundation subjects, including: Topic, RE, Science, PE and Music.

Teds and certificates:

Letters for teds and certificates will be handed out by Tuesday. If you are unable to make an assembly just let us know and we can hold this back for the following week for you.

Other information

Reading books will be sent home each night, when reading with your child please complete the reading records.

If you have any resources, books or photographs for based on our topic, we would love to see these and we will take great care of these.

Big Little Sing

During this term we will also be taking part in the Big Little sing at Bridlington Spa, we are busy practising and are really looking forward to our day.

Many thanks for your continued support.
Miss Sellar and Miss Ellicott