

# To Flourish and Grow

Through God's love, we are the rich soil where seeds flourish and roots grow. (Luke 8: 4-15)

## Chestnut Class - Summer Term 2026

### Class Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer term 2026. We hope that you all had a lovely, restful break over Easter with your families. We are delighted to say that the children have made a really positive start to the new term and have come back ready for the final stretch of the academic year. This term, we've got lots of exciting learning taking place: In History, we will be learning about how the volcanic eruption which destroyed Pompeii in 79AD helps us to know more about daily life in Roman times. We will then use our Romans knowledge to help us to build model Roman temples in DT. We will be learning about plants, living things and their habitats in Science and conducting a local study in Geography. We are in the early stages of finalising a trip for our class to the Fingringhoe Wick as part of our Geography and Science work this term. More details of this will follow in due course.

#### Homework

As with the rest of the school, the expectations for homework in Chestnut class consist of:

**Reading:** reading to an adult at least 3 times per week and recording this in their reading record book (these must then be handed in on Monday morning for checking) Please note, that unless the book is signed by an adult, it will be assumed that your child has not completed this homework.

**Spelling:** every Friday, each child will bring home a list of weekly spellings to learn. These will also be posted on Class Dojo, just in case they don't make it home! Each child has their own log in for this, which can be found at the back of their yellow reading record. Spelling tests will take place every Friday.

**Times Tables:** a set of weekly times tables to learn including associated division facts for some children. They will be tested on these every Friday. We will be encouraging all children who have not yet achieved their Gold badge to work on this, and for those who have already gained their Gold Badge, we will encourage them to work on gaining their Platinum and Diamond badges. It is important to practise the skills to ensure rapid recall of multiplication and division facts in any order. Please encourage your child to use their Times Tables Rockstars account (their log in details are also at the back of their yellow reading record book) to build up their speed of recall which forms an essential part of the KS2 Maths curriculum. This is especially important for children in Year 4 who will be completing their statutory national Multiplication Check in June.

**Termly Project Task:** each child in school is being asked to produce one project-related task per term which you can work on at home each week. Please select one task from the following list and **submit it during our project sharing week beginning the 13<sup>th</sup> of July.**

**Task 1:** Create a Roman mosaic based on the ones we have looked at which were found in the ruins of Pompeii. This can be with tiles or paper.

**Task 2:** Produce an A4 fact file about a chosen wild animal or plant that is native to the British Isles.

**Task 3:** Produce a poster that advertises our local area as a tourist destination – point out all of the interesting features and places to visit in our locality.

## **P.E.**

Our P.E. lessons will be on Tuesdays and Fridays each week and one lesson will be taught by our coach from our P.E. provider, Essex Professional Coaching. We are asking children to come into school dressed in their kit on the days that they have PE. Please name all P.E kit.

All children whose hair is past shoulder length must have it tied back on P.E. days. Please remember that earrings must be removed for any P.E. lessons. If your child cannot take part in P.E. for whatever reason, then this must be put in writing via email to the school office.

## **Water Bottles and Hats**

All children should have their own water bottle in school. As the warmer weather is approaching a sun hat and sun cream would be appropriate on hotter days.

## **Healthy Snacks**

Please ensure that the snack you give your child for break time is a healthy one. Examples include:

fruit	dried fruit	plain crackers	rice cakes
vegetable sticks	plain popcorn	dry breakfast cereal e.g. Cheerios	cereal bars

## **Keeping in touch, assessment and important dates for this term:**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Dress as a Word Day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Class Photos (am)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Whole School Vision & Values Day

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – class trip to Fingringhoe Wick

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – PTFA Colour Day

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Yr 4 Multiplication test check window

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – whole school transition morning with new classes

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Zoe Bear's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – PTFA Fun Friday

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – whole school French Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Term

Other dates may be added so please continue to check our school website and Instagram page.

In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch via Class Dojo or email, or when we see you on the gate.

Kind regards

Mrs Welsh & Mrs Lee

