



Chestnut Class—Year 1

Spring Term 2026

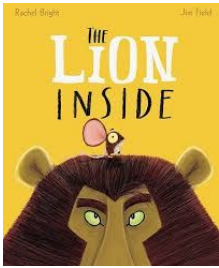
Parent Information



Our values this term are:
Appreciation, Honesty, Courage

English

Our books this term are 'The Lion Inside' by Rachel Bright and Jim Field and 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth' by Ellie Hattie and Karl James Mountford.



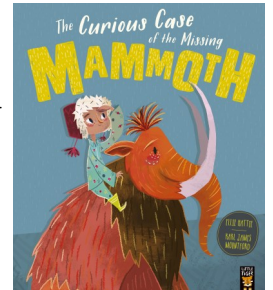
In the first half term we will be exploring a story about bravery, courage and finding own 'inner roar'. At the end of the unit the children will be working towards writing their own story about a small animal who befriends a large animal in the African savannah.

After half term the children will once again write their own stories using the structure of 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth' with a change of character and setting.

Through both books we will be focusing on mastering the following concepts:

* Joining words and clauses using 'and'.

- Punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark.
- Add suffixes where no change is needed to the root word e.g. -ed, -ing, -er, -est



Science

Weather

In Spring 1 we will continue to learn and deepen our knowledge of weather. We will use various equipment to measure the wind.

Plants

In Spring 2 we will then begin the first part of our topic on plants, which will continue into the summer term.



Maths

We will continue to work on our mathematical understanding of addition and subtraction up to 20 (spring 1) and then up to 50 (spring 2). We will also revisit our understanding of place value. We will learn about odd and even numbers.

Later in the spring term we will learn about mass and volume and also length and height.



History

Toys—Past and present

In History we will learn about the development of toys through time. The children will explore toys from the past and make comparisons to the toys they play with themselves.

At the end of the topic we will have a History WOW afternoon. Watch this space!



RE

Who is a Muslim?

At the end of Spring 1 we will be having a whole day of R.E learning about Islam packed full of exciting activities. We will learn about the beliefs of Islam and how Muslims live.

Why does Easter matter to Christians?

In spring 2 we will learn about the Easter story and its significance to Christians. This includes a trip to St. Marys church in Harlington.



Geography

Our Country

In Spring 2, we will learn about the UK; its four countries and capital cities. We will also learn about human and physical geography and discuss similarities and differences between them.



Art

Let's sculpt

In Art we will make our own sculptures using a range of unusual materials including bread and recycled materials.



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Moving Pictures

We will be creating a moving picture with a mechanism.



PSHE

Your body

We will learn about the importance of looking after our bodies by sleeping well, exercising, cleaning our bodies (including teeth) and eating a healthy diet. This will link closely to the book 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy.



Computing

We will learn that an algorithm is a set of instructions used to solve a problem or achieve an objective. We will also create an animated storybook.

We will have a dedicated afternoon in February learning how to keep safe online.



Music

In Music we will be learning about beat, rhythm, rest and pitch.



PE

We will have 2 P.E lessons a week. On Wednesday we will focus on developing our gymnastics such as rolling, jumping and balancing. On Friday we will be learning some exciting orienteering skills.

Continuous provision

We continue to offer different learning areas that the children can freely access throughout the day. This includes our well stocked craft tables, fun phonics area, science investigation station and our popular construction nook.

Staff

Mrs Puntrello will continue to teach each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs Farrugia will teach Thursday and Friday.

Miss Coffey will work the whole week as the class TA.

We will have a student teacher, Ms Shah, joining us until the end of February.

Reading

Children will continue to read the Twinkl Rhino reader books to practice the current taught sounds. Books will be changed every Friday but please ensure that reading books are in school each day.

Please continue to hear your child read, at least 5 times per week, and record in the reading diary, with a comment.

Our weekly library session is on Monday. We encourage children to choose books of their interest, to either enjoy with an adult or read alone. Do remember that a new book is only issued when the previously borrowed book is returned.



Home Learning

Expectations:

- Maths and English homework is sent home every Friday and can be returned anytime the following week.
- Reading five times per week, minimum.

We do not expect families to complete extra home learning. However, if you wish to find out more about the topics over-leaf, please do so. For example:

- History : Research toys from the past. Speak to older members of the family or community to find out about the toys they played with as a child.
- Geography : Research facts about England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Island.
- Science: Take a moment to discuss the weather each day. Try to listen to the daily weather reports.
- PSHE: Discuss and plan a healthy sleep routine. What helps your child fall asleep calmly? Why is this important for their physical and mental health?

Daily routines



Children must arrive between 8:45am and 9am. Children will enter the classroom, put away their belongings and start the morning activity. The register will close at 9am.

As the weather is extremely cold at the moment please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves with them EVERYDAY as we aim to be outside as much as possible to fully enable continuous provision inside and outside.

PE kit

PE lessons will take place on Wednesday and Friday afternoon. P.E kits can be worn to school on those days.

Ear piercings will need to be removed by children or taped, if worn on PE days.



Water bottles and snack/lunches

Children have access to their water bottle throughout each day.

Please ensure that these return to school each Monday!

Morning snack is a healthy choice of fruit or vegetable that is provided.

We have a whole school allergens policy so do not send any nut products in school. Please remember this when packing lunch for your child.



First aid

If your child has a head bump, they will be given a wristband to wear and they will receive an incident slip. This will be placed in their book bag informing you of the incident and the first aid administered.

If it is a more serious injury we will phone you immediately.

