



Chestnut Class—Year 1

Summer Term 2026

Parent Information

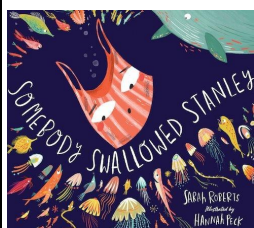


Our values this term are Forgiveness, Resilience, Hope and Optimism, Citizenship.

It is always lovely to hear how children are living the values out of school. Please let us know when you witness your child demonstrating one of our values and we will celebrate this in school.

English

Our books this term are 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts and William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.



Our first book is the story of a little boy named Stanley, who is swallowed by various animals, starting with a fish and continuing through different creatures. The book explores the idea of what happens when something (or someone) is swallowed, but it does so with a humorous twist. We will be building up to writing a non-chronological report.

In Summer 2 we will be learning about Shakespeare. Through 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' we will look at how the main characters, like the fairy king Oberon, his queen Titania, and the charming Puck, all play their parts in causing magical chaos. We will also be writing character descriptions.

Throughout our English lessons, we will use role-play to support our learning and we will learn to add suffixes where no change is needed to the root word e.g. -ed, -er, -ing, -est



Science

Plants

Our lessons will focus on identifying common wild and garden plants, understanding plant structure (parts of plants/trees), and observing growth from seeds and bulbs.

Scientists and Inventors

In this topic we will be learning about Christopher Wren and Robert Hooke.

We will learn about their inventions and the impact that their discoveries had on our world.



Maths

We will continue to develop our knowledge of the following topics; number and place value, addition and subtraction, doubling and halving> We will introduce the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will look at time (days of the week, ordering the months, telling the time to the hour and half hour), measurement (length), 3D shape and money (recognising coins, totalling amounts).



History

Kings and Queens

Through stories and activities, the children will be introduced to famous historical figures such as Queen Elizabeth II, King Henry VIII, and Queen Victoria. We will also explore the daily lives of royalty, from their palaces to their clothing, and discover how monarchs play key roles in shaping history.



Art

In Art we will learn to mix colours and create art works with the colours we have mixed.



RE

Who is a Muslim?

In Summer 1 we will be learning about Islam. We will learn about the key beliefs of Islam.

What makes some places significant?

In this topic we will explore what makes a place special, important, or sacred. We will learn how different religions have holy places or places of pilgrimage and how people show respect and

Geography

Wonderful Weather

In Geography we will identify daily weather patterns in the UK, and learn about understand seasonal weather patterns.

This will also link to our previous learning in Science.



DT

This term we will be exploring and evaluating products such as fruit and vegetables and tasting different dips.



Music

In music we will be learning about tempo, and to perform actions to music reinforcing a sense of beat.



PSHE

Money matters

we will learn about banking and jobs and how it is important to keep track of money.

Aiming high

In this topic we will be thinking about achievements, aims and ambitions.



Computing

This term we will be learning about coding, spreadsheets and technology outside school

Continuous provision

We continue to offer different learning areas that the children can freely access throughout the day.

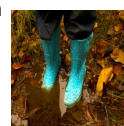
This includes our well stocked craft tables, fun phonics area, science investigation station and our popular construction nook.

PE

We will focus on running, jumping, and throwing activities. We will also prepare for Sports Day.

Outdoor Learning

On Thursday afternoon the children will be exploring our forest school area. They will need an old coat and jogging bottoms. They should have wellies in school already.



Staff

Mrs Puntrello will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning.
Mrs Farrugia will be teaching Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday.
Mrs Barnard is our class teaching assistant and will be in Chestnut cCass every day.

Reading

Every child will have a reading book linked to their reading ability and a library book.
Please ensure that the children bring their reading books into school every day. They will read with an adult in school, sometimes on a one-to-one basis, sometimes in a small group and sometimes as a whole class activity. Our weekly library slot will continue to be on a Monday. We encourage children to take home a library book that they are interested in, even if they cannot read it independently. If this is the case, please share the book with your child and read it to them if necessary.



Home Learning

Home Learning is set on a Friday and collected in the next week. Home Learning in Year 1 consists of:

- Reading 5 times a week at home.
- Learning folder consisting of 1 English/phonics task and 1 maths task.

We do not expect families to do extra home learning at home. However, if you wish to find out more about the topics over-leaf, please do so. Some examples of activities that you may wish to do are:

- History : Research current Kings and Queens from around the world.
- Geography : Observe and record daily weather conditions by watching or listening to weather reports over the course of one week. Use this information to create a detailed weather diary.
- Science: Choose one scientist or inventor to research. You can pick a well-known figure (like Marie Curie or Thomas Edison) or someone less familiar who made a big impact.

Daily routines



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

PE kit

We will have P.E on Wednesday and Friday .

Children should have a **named** PE kit in school at all times during the term. Kit should include t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls/trainers. Children may also wear jogging bottoms and a sweater/fleece as we will be going outside. Any children with ear piercings will need to be able to remove their own studs or bring in tape to protect them. This PE kit should stay in school and will be sent home at the end of each half term.



Water bottles and snack/lunches



Children may bring in a named water bottle so they can drink throughout the day. The bottles will be sent home for washing every Friday and should be returned on Monday morning.

Morning snacks will continue to be offered to the children. It will be a piece of fruit or vegetables. We have a school managing allergens policy so do not allow any nut products in school. Please remember this when packing snacks or 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.