



Chestnut Class—Year 1

Autumn Term 2026

Parent Information



Our values this term are respect, responsibility, peace and compassion.

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 first book this term is Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival. In this unit the children will work towards writing a diary entry in the first person based on the story Meesha makes friends. We will focus on sentence structure, basic punctuation and finger spaces.

Our book after half-term is Katie in London by James Mayhew. In this unit we will be focusing on non-chronological reports. Our writing focus will be to extend sentences using joining words e.g. then, and, but. We will also be punctuating words and sentences using capital letters and full stops e.g. capital letters for names and to begin a sentence.



Science

Animals including humans.

We will learn to classify animals, including humans, into the 5 groups: mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians. We will group and classify the animals according to their features and diets.

Seasonal Changes

We will identify and describe the signs and changes between summer and Autumn.

Everyday Materials:

To identify materials and their properties.

Maths

This term we will be working on place value. This is the ability to count objects reliably and record the quantity as a number and as a word. Also, counting backwards confidently. Plus being able to identify one more / one less up to 10.

We will be learning number bonds to 10 for rapid recall, and completing single digit addition and subtraction sentences to 10. We will also be using our skills to solve problems.

We will also be looking at, recognising and describing 2D and 3D shapes.



History

Transport

After half term we will be looking at the ways in which travel and transport has changed throughout history.

We will learn about the inventions of cars, trains and aeroplanes and some of the significant people involved in the development.



Art

Portraits

We will create different portraits using a range of techniques, including drawing, painting, and collage. We will look at the work of a range of portrait artists and the different techniques used.

DT

Fabric bunting

We will design and make our own fabric bunting



RE

What do Christians believe God is like?

(This will be blocked as a whole day of learning)

We will explore children's ideas of:

What and where is God? What do Christians believe God is like? Why Christmas is important to Christians and how they celebrate. Visit the local church.



Geography

Our school

This half term we will begin to recognise familiar places in our local area. We will be able to write our address. We will use maps and plan a simple route plus use compass directions. We will learn basic map symbols and begin to understand the need for a key.

PSHE

Team

We will learn why listening to each other is important. We will discuss the importance and benefits of showing kindness to others. We will identify helpful thoughts that we can use to create a positive mindset.

Diverse Britain

We will identify the groups, neighbourhoods and communities we belong to. We will learn about famous British people, places and events



Computing

We will learn to log onto school based programmes such as Purple Mash. We will learn about keeping safe online.

PE

We will focus on key skills such as hopping, throwing, jumping, balancing etc. We will take part in attack/defence based games.

Music

We will be learning Harvest songs (The Menu Unit) and performing in our Harvest festival. After half term we will be learning songs for our KS1 nativity ready to perform to parents and carers.



Staff

Chestnut Class will be taught by Mrs Puntrello every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs Farrugia will teach on Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Barnard and Mrs Meech will be supporting the class all week.

Reading

Every child will have a reading book linked to their reading ability and a library book.

Please ensure that your child brings their reading books and records into school every day. The reading book will be changed every **Friday**.



Our weekly library slot will be a **Tuesday**. 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.

Home Learning

Home Learning is set every Friday and can be sent back into class when completed.

Home Learning in Year 1 consists of:

- Reading 5 times a week at home.
- 1 phonics/spelling activity and 1 maths activity.

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

- History : Transport - look at pictures of cars that have changed over time.
- Geography : Our school - draw a map of their route to school.

Daily routines



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

At the end of the day please wait on the main school playground as the children will be dismissed by the main entrance.

PE kit / Outdoor clothing.

Our PE days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Children should come to school wearing their full PE kit.

This helps us make the most of lesson time. Please ensure that your child is in the correct kit:

Navy or black shorts, round neck t-shirt in house colours and trainers. Black or navy tracksuit bottoms and hoodie/jumper may be worn when the weather is cold.



As we continue to offer continuous provision inside and outside the children can bring into school a **named pair of wellies if they wish**, we do have class wellies available for everyone to use. Please ensure they have suitable clothing e.g raincoat so they can go outside every day.

Water bottles and snack/lunches



Children will need to 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 empty on Monday morning. Morning snacks will be provided and it will be a healthy choice of fruit or vegetables. When packing your child's lunch, please remember, we **do not** allow any nut products in school.



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.