

Class Teachers/Teaching Assistants

Chestnut Class will be taught by Mrs Dodd and Mrs Peacock. Mrs McConnell will teach the class on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

Poplar Class will be taught by Mrs Hedley. Mrs Wilson will teach the class on Wednesday mornings.

Oak Class will be taught by Miss McLeod. Mrs Hinson will teach the class on Wednesday mornings.

Mrs Morris, Mrs Ward and Mrs Carter will also work with the classes either within the classroom or when taking children for group work.

Maths Classes

To allow us to meet the needs of all of the children, we will be organising the children into three classes for Maths this year. These groups are always flexible and children will be moved during the year if this is necessary to help their development.

Year Four Maths Targets

The national expectation for Maths by the end of Year Four includes the following:

- Know by heart the facts for the times tables up to 12X12
- Know the number bonds for 100 and 1,000 eg  $65 + 35 = 100$
- Be able to find non unit fractions of numbers eg three quarters of 20
- Be able to add and subtract in your head eg  $34 + 19 =$
- Use formal methods for addition/subtraction/multiplication and division

This year the Year Four children will be part of the National Year Four Times Table Assessment. The children will take part in this in the Summer term and it will test their knowledge of all of the times tables, allowing them six seconds to answer each question. We have always worked on learning times tables in school and will continue to work on improving the children's knowledge of the facts through our class work. As with all skills, we know that children learn at different paces and our expectation is only that all of the children try their best and make the progress that they are capable of.

Year Three Maths Targets

The national expectation for Maths by the end of Year Three includes the following:

- Know by heart the facts for the 2,3,4,5, 8 and 10 times tables
- Read, write and order numbers to 1,000
- Add and subtract fractions within one whole eg  $2/5 + 2/5 =$
- Use formal methods for addition and subtraction

## Reading

The children will read regularly in school to an adult either as part of a group or individually, depending on their need. The children will continue to bring home their own reading book and we would encourage you to find time each week to read with your child as this helps to develop both their fluency and their understanding. Your child will bring their book home on a Wednesday and should return it on a Monday.

When you are reading with your child at home, you may like to ask some of the following questions:

- What does that word mean?
- Why did the author use that word?
- Can you explain why the character acted in that way?
- Can you give examples from the text to prove your ideas?
- When do you think this text is set? How do you know?
- How is the text organised? Why has the author done that?
- What is the main purpose of this text?

## Writing

We write in school for many different purposes and explore different types of text. When we are marking the children's work we focus on:

- Correct use of punctuation
- Imaginative use of language
- Starting sentences in interesting ways
- Using connectives
- Using known spelling patterns
- Joining handwriting

## Spelling

The children will bring home spelling patterns which you can also practise at home with your child. We will be working in spelling groups throughout the year to support the children's development. We do not do weekly spelling tests but instead we build upon learning throughout the half term and assess the children's knowledge at regular intervals.

## Science

We have carefully planned our Science curriculum to ensure that the Year Three children have the building blocks they need for each topic. This means that for some half terms, the children will work in their usual classes for their Science topic and for some the Year Three children will do a different topic from the Year Four children. This will be ongoing as the children move through the school.

## Theme Days

This year we will have a theme day for Victorian Day (Autumn A) and India Day (Spring A). We encourage the children to come dressed up for these days to help them all to be fully involved in the day's activities. If you would like advice about costumes please come to see us.

### Swimming

The children will hopefully be taking part in swimming lessons at some point in the year. We will send more information when we have it.

### Trips

We are hoping to visit Cragside House as part of our Victorian topic but are waiting for confirmation about whether the house can be open to school groups. We will let you know further details when we have them.

Please contact us if you have any questions about your child's learning.

Thank you for your support

Lower Key Stage Two Teachers