

Class Teachers/Teaching Assistants

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

Elm Class will be taught by Mrs Smith. Mrs Wilson will teach the class on Wednesday afternoons.

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

Year Four is one bubble so the children may mix when working in small groups outside the classroom but we will not be mixing the classes for maths at this point.

Organisation

This half term the children just need to bring their lunch and water bottle to school and leave a PE kit on their peg to avoid bringing too much in and out of school. PE days will be Mondays and Fridays.

Year Four Maths Targets

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

- Knowing 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 fractions of numbers eg three quarters of 20
- Be able to add and subtract in your head eg $34 + 19 =$

This year the 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.

Reading in Year Four

By Year Four most children are reading fluently and the focus of our reading is usually on understanding the text. This half term we will be making more time for the children to read in school to avoid books moving between home and school.

If you are also 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 in Year Four

By Year Four most children are able to write confidently for a range of purposes. 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

Theme Days in Year Four

In Year Four 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.

Residential Trip

We have booked dates for a residential trip in March 2021 to Robin Wood in Alston. At the moment, the government advice is not to go on overnight trips but this could change. We will keep you informed as and when the information changes. The cost of the trip is usually around £200 (children entitled to pupil premium are given a reduced rate).

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.

Thank you for your support

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