



## Chestnut Class Parents/Carers Term 1 Newsletter

### How did the lives of ancient Britons change during the Stone Age?

**Welcome to Term 1 in Chestnut Class. This term the children will travel back in time to the Stone Age.**

#### English

This term's text is 'The Wild Way Home', by Sophie Kirtley. The children will go on an adventure with our main character Charlie, who finds himself in the Stone Age. We will write adventure stories in character, describing settings and creating suspense in our writing.

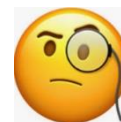
We will also be exploring, reading and performing poetry from poets such as Maya Angelou and Emily Dickinson.

Please hear your child read for 15 minutes at home daily. Reading is a vital skill and the most improved readers are those that read outside of school. Those children that read 5-7 times per week have made significantly more progress in their writing thus far than those that do not. Children are expected to read 5 days per week as a minimum. Those that read 7 times per week will get a prize if the reading record is completed. Chestnuts will have a reading book and a library book. It is the children's responsibility to change their own book and complete reading record entries.

Children have the opportunity to change their reading book daily and their library book every Monday.

#### History

We will explore the different eras of the Stone Age and learn how Stone Age life evolved from the Palaeolithic to the Mesolithic and Neolithic era.



#### Art

##### Story Telling through drawing

Children will create their own graphic novels.



#### Computing

The children are revisiting coding and presenting information in a variety of ways.



## Maths

This term we will be focusing on:

- place Value
- rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.
- addition, subtraction and inverse operations.
- times tables.



## Music

Children in year 3 will be introduced to playing the recorder and children in year 4 will continue to build on their skills.



## Life Skills

This term the children will learn all about keeping safe.

## Science

In Science our topic is "Rocks and Soils". We will discover where rocks and soil come from. We will identify and group rocks and soils and explore fossils.



## RE

This term we will investigate: How Christians show that reconciliation with God and other people is important.

## Dates for the Diary Important Reminders

### Welcome meeting

An opportunity to come and meet me, have a look around your child's classroom and ask any questions you might have.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of September from 3.30- 4.30

Homework will be set on a Friday and needs to be handed in by the following Thursday.

### **PE Days**

PE is on Tuesdays unless advised otherwise.

Please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit.

### **Useful Websites**

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://www.purplemash.com/>

<https://swiggle.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

This will be a very busy and exciting term. Please contact me/us via the office or at the end of the day if you would like any additional information.

Thank you for you continued support.

Mrs Thornton and Mrs Skinner