



Chestnut and Sycamore Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Chestnut and Sycamore class. It is a slightly different 'normal' this year, but some things have stayed the same. This includes making sure your children are happy, safe and learning through a variety of activities.

For the first four weeks of this term, we are basing our learning on the picture book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. The children will be working together to make predications, act out the story and create alternative endings. We will be able to link this story to our foundation subjects; for example, creating artwork, Science investigations and discussing how our feelings affect us. We will be using challenges to encourage the Sycamore children to extend their abilities and link their learning to the National Curriculum.

For the second half of Term 1, we will be moving onto the Topic 'Will you read me a story?'. We will be looking at a range of fairy tales including Little Red Riding Hood, Three Little Pigs and Hansel and Gretel. In History/Past and Present, we will be looking at a local castle (Leeds Castle) and Royalty linked to the castle including King Henry the 8th. In Art and Design Technology, we will be designing and making biscuits and props that the royal family may have used.

Unfortunately, due to covid-19, we are unable to provide contact books that come in-between the school and home setting. If you have any questions or concerns you can email the school and I will aim to give you a response as quickly as possible. Reading books will start going home once the children have had an opportunity to settle into school and their phonics sessions. The children will need to put the books they have read in a box outside the classroom door once they have finished reading the books to allow them to be quarantined for 7 days. This will mean there are fewer books for regular exchange, so we would ask if you could be patient with how many times we are able to change the books over the week.

We will have different adults working with Chestnut and Sycamore class over the week, but I would like to reassure you that communication is a high priority for us to ensure the children have a smooth and happy school experience.

Teachers	Teaching Assistants
Monday-Thursday: Mrs Colgate Friday: Mrs Aristides	Monday-Wednesday Mrs McNama Thursday-Friday Miss Grindley Monday-Friday Miss Randall

Mrs Colgate's PPA is on Tuesday afternoon and is covered by Mrs Meredith.

We will be arranging an opportunity for you to meet the teachers. This will take place outside to ensure social distancing and we will be in touch shortly to let you know further details.

We are very excited to be back to school and we are looking forward to working with you this year.

From the Chestnut and Sycamore Team 😊

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BACK!