

Chestnut and Sycamore Term 1 Newsletter



Welcome to Term 1 in Chestnut and Sycamore class. We have up to 20 Chestnut children (who are working at EYFS level) and up to 10 Sycamore children (who are working at a Year 1 level), and we are looking forward to learning together over the coming year.

Within our class, we focus on using active learning to support the children in reaching their individual goals. Our Sycamore children will be completing challenges over the week to ensure they are able to apply their knowledge through an active and independent learning style.

Due to the success of using the online contact books for quicker feedback between the home and school setting, we will continue to use Google classroom to support our contact with you. EYFS will get their log in soon from the Office and Year 1 will continue with the same log in as last year. If you need support recalling these log-ins, please let us know.

On Google classroom, we will upload:

- Homework and key vocabulary for EYFS and Year 1
 - Timetable focus for Year 1
 - Newsletters
- Parental support for Phonics
 - Contact book

In term 1, we will be focussing on learning about Traditional tales, changes within the children's memory, materials and seasonal changes. In Maths, we will be focusing on place value and counting. Throughout our environments, we may have sensory materials out including food colouring, spices, shaving foam. These will not be eaten, but please let us know if your child has any allergies that we need to be made aware of.

We would ask if you can ensure all clothing and personal items are clearly named, so we can support the children finding their belongings. If you wish, you can send your child in with named wellies to wear when they are working in our outside classroom space.

We will aim to change reading books on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The children need to place their reading wallet into a box if they wish to change their books.

Our PE sessions will be blocked together and be taught on Tuesday afternoons.

We 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 Fowler	Monday-Friday Miss Randall
Mrs Colgate's Planning time (PPA) is on Tuesday afternoon and is covered by Mrs Meredith.	

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 😊

Lesson resources

As part of our history lessons, we will be asking children to bring in a picture of them when they were a baby. Please make sure the picture is named, so they do not get muddled up when the children are looking at them.