

Chestnut and Sycamore Term 5 Newsletter



Welcome back to Term 5 in Chestnut and Sycamore class. It has been a challenging Term 4 with lots of absences, including myself. I am grateful for your support throughout my time off and I hope that we will have a healthy Term 5 for us to continue our learning.

The Year 1's will be focussing on their phonics this term, as the Phonics Screening check takes place at the start of Term 6. This is to check the children's understanding of their phonics sounds through reading a range of real and alien words. The children are used to spending time with me and their phonics group practicing these skills. At the end of the academic year, Year 1 parents will be able to find out their child's score and whether they may need continued support with their phonics in Year 2.

In term 5, we will be focussing on the theme Towers, tunnels, and turrets. This will have a focus on fairy tales and castles.

- In English, we will be looking at fairy tales including traditional and non-traditional stories.
- In Science, we will be learning about plants and seasonal changes linked to summer.
- In History, we will be researching monarchs from the past and looking at Leeds Castle.
- In DT and Art, we will be looking at building towers and using clay.
- In PE, we will be learning about games through play and Tag Rugby. Our PE sessions will be blocked together and be taught on Tuesday afternoons by Mrs Meredith.

We will be going a school trip this term to Leeds Castle with Maple class, which is exciting for the children who have missed out on these experiences in previous years due to COVID. We hope to give you more details soon.

Teachers	Teaching Assistants
Monday-Thursday: Mrs Colgate Friday: Mrs Fowler (When she returns from Sick leave)	Monday-Friday Miss Randall
Mrs Colgate's Planning time (PPA) is on Tuesday afternoon and is covered by Mrs Meredith.	

From the Chestnut and Sycamore Team ☺