



September 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to a new academic year at Kingswood! At the start of this term, we welcome Chestnut children starting school and Sycamore children beginning their Year 1 learning.

Term 1's topics

In term 1, we will be focussing on the theme Homes. In English, we will be using the Jolly Postman and other fairy tales as inspiration for our writing. In Science, we will be learning about seasonal changes and materials. In Geography, we will be learning about our local area; including a local walk for the Year 1 children. In art, we will be focusing on exploring different drawing techniques. In Computing, we will be learning about the different technologies we can find around us and how to stay safe online. In Life skills, we will be looking at families and relationships.

Chestnut children will also be learning to be more independent and confident to explore different areas of our inside and outside classroom.

PE

PE will be taught on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child is wearing an active uniform on these days.

Homework and Tapestry

Chestnuts will be using Tapestry to support the home- school contact. On Tapestry, I will upload the homework tasks and Child initiated learning that has taken place in school. Chestnut parents will receive their email shortly to access their child's tapestry account for Kingswood.



Sycamores will have a homework book that you can record your home learning in.

The children will receive a homework grid at the start of the term. You can choose when you complete your tasks over the term. When the Year 1's are ready, they will begin to take home times tables to learn. These will begin with the 10 times tables.

Reading books

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. You will need to support your child in remembering this task as we do not go into their school bags.

Chestnut children will focus on wordless books this term and we will change these twice a week to allow you more opportunities to explore the books. I have included some ideas to support you in your child's wallet.

Labelling and spare clothes

We would ask if you can ensure all clothing and personal items are clearly named, so we can support the children finding their belongings. These will need to be checked throughout the year to ensure they do not need replacing.

All children will have an opportunity to use the outside classroom, including the mud kitchen all year round. You may wish to send your child in with named wellies or overalls to wear when they are working in our outside classroom space.

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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 😊



