

Chestnut and Sycamore Term 4 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 4 at Kingswood! Another exciting term where we are continuing to develop our learning.



Kingswoods Phonics focus

Year 1's are focussing on improving their sound knowledge. In Term 6, Year 1 children will be taking a government phonics screening check. At the end of each term, you would have received an overview of your child's phonics levels to allow you to support your child's next steps and to understand their progress compared to their end of year goals.

There are lots of ways you could support your child at home:

- reading a range of books daily
- Games on phonics play website <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
- Free online books and parent support on how to say the sounds on Oxford Owl website <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/?region=uk>
- Previous past papers found when you search phonics screening check ranging from years between 2012 and 2023
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-2023-materials>

Term 4's topics

In term 4, we will be focussing on learning about festivals across the UK.

In **English**, we will be focussing on character description focusing on the book Bumble Bear. Year 1's will be improving their character descriptions, learning about exclamation marks and the 'un' prefix.

In **Maths**, we are continuing to develop our place value knowledge. We will be learning about length, height, weight and volume measures.

In **Science**, we will be taking part in a range of experiments involving working scientifically. This will occur as we celebrate Science week later in the term.

In **Art**, we will be focusing on making sculptures and 3D art. The children will need to bring in toilet paper/ kitchen rolls to create their artwork during this week.

In **Computing**, we will be learning about programming and animations.

In **PE**, we will be focusing on dance and jumping.

In **Geography**, we will be learning about the UK countries and the festivals celebrated across the UK.

PE

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

Homework and Tapestry

Chestnuts will be using Tapestry to support the home- school contact. Thank you to those parents sharing their child's wow moments on Tapestry. I look forward to seeing more during term 4.

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. The Year 1's are continuing to learn their times tables and red words spellings.

Reading books

We will aim to change reading books on 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.

Teachers	Teaching Assistants
Monday-Thursday AM: Mrs Colgate Thursday PM & Friday: Mrs Garland	Monday - Wednesday: Mrs Macari Wednesday - Friday: Miss Butler Monday - Friday: Miss Shore

From the Chestnut and Sycamore Team 😊