

Chestnut and Sycamore Term 5 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 5 at Kingswood! I can not believe we are beginning the Summer term of our school year. I look forward to seeing how the children continue to develop over the last two terms of the year.



Kingswoods Phonics focus

Year 1's are continuing to focus on learning set 2 and 3 sounds and reading them in real and nonsense words. 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 5's topics

In term 5, we will be focussing on learning about Brazil and animals.

In **English**, we will be focussing on narrative using books like Tanka Tanka Skunk. Year 1's will be focusing on using suffixes and improving their reading skills.

In **Maths**, we are learning about multiplication, division and fractions. EYFS will focus on 2D and 3D shapes, and finding one more/ less than a given number.

In **Science**, we will be focussing on animal groupings and seasonal changes.

In **DT**, we will be making puppets using different fabrics.

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

In **PE**, we will be focusing on Tag Rugby and other team games.

In **Geography**, we will be learning about Brazil and comparing the country to England.

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 5.

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	Wednesday - Friday: Miss Butler Monday - Friday: Miss Shore

From the Chestnut and Sycamore Team 😊