

Chestnut and Sycamore Term 1 Newsletter



Welcome to Term 1 at Kingswood! We welcome all of our new Chestnut parents, whether it's your first child joining our school or you are familiar with school through siblings.

These termly newsletters will help guide you on topics we will be covering in class, key dates, and information linked to our class.

Term 1's topics

In term 1, we will be focussing on the theme Superheroes and using this theme to support the children settling into their new year groups.

In English, we will be focusing on learning our new phonic sounds and using books like Supertato, 10 little superheroes and Superworm to help extend our English knowledge.

In Maths, EYFS children will be completing baseline assessments and looking at representing numbers using objects and combining amounts. Year 1's will be focussing on place value to 10, addition and number bonds.

In Science, we will be learning about autumn and materials.

In Geography, we will be looking at maps, as well as identifying physical and human features within our local environment. Year 1's will take part in a local walk during the first full week of school.

In DT, we will learn about creating structures like windmills.

In Music, we will be looking at pulse and rhythm using body percussion. We also will be using our voices to learn a range of songs.

In Computing, we will be looking at IT within our environment.

Year 1

As part of their Geography learning this term, the year 1's will take part in a local walk to Kingswood park. On their journey they will discuss features of the local environment using key vocabulary. This will take place at the start of the first full week of school.

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. On Tapestry, I will upload the homework tasks and Child initiated learning that has taken place in school. We encourage parents to add their own observations to Tapestry. Could all Chestnut parents ensure they return a tapestry permission form with email address as soon as possible.

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 will be sent home with a red word spellings list and some of your children will begin learning times tables.

Reading books

We will aim to change your child's reading book 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.

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.



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 😊