

Chestnut and Sycamore Term 5 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 5 at Kingswood! These termly newsletters will help guide you on topics we will be covering in class, key dates, and information linked to our class.



Term 5's topics

In term 5, we will be focussing on the theme of 'food'. We will be using this theme to support the children in their learning and next steps.

In English, we will be focusing on continuing to develop our phonic knowledge and writing skills using books like 'Handa's surprise' and 'The enormous turnip'.

In Maths, children will be focusing on multiplication (making groups and using arrays), fractions and position & direction. EYFS will be focusing on working with numbers up to 20, addition & subtraction and shapes.

In Science, we will be learning about animals. We will look at various animal groups and the structures of different animals. We will also be looking at the Human body and looking at our senses.

In Geography, we will learn about 'The World' and where our food comes from.

In DT, we will learn about 'cooking & nutrition' and what it means to have a 'balanced diet'.

In Music, we will be looking at different types of musical instruments.

In Computing, Year 1's will be looking at creating media, with a focus on creating music.

In PE, we will be focusing on games and dance.

Phonics Support

You will receive a phonics assessment letter for your child to show their current phonics level, compared to the level we were aiming for that term. This should

support you on seeing your child's gaps and their next steps. These letters will be sent home at the end of each term.

Please speak to us if you have any questions about the letters that have been sent home, or if you would like any advice on how to support your child with phonics at home. We thank you for your continued support!

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** and hair tied back.

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.

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.

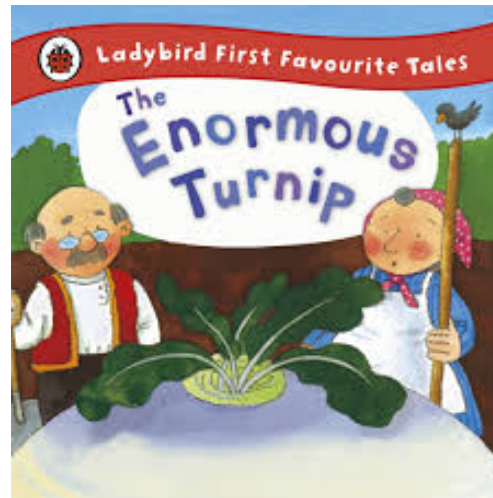
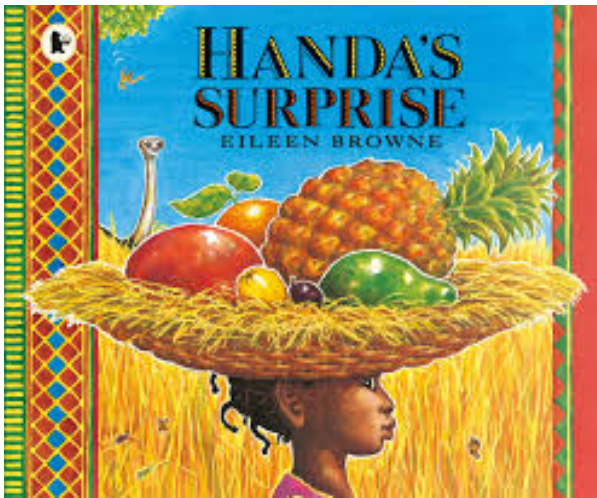
Reading books

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.

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.



From the Chestnut and Sycamore Team 😊