

Chestnut Summer 1 Newsletter



Important Information

Day	Morning	Afternoon		
Monday	Library	Active 15		
Tuesday	PE			
Wednesday		Active 15		
Thursday		Active 15		
Friday	Library	PE		

Expectations

Throughout this summer term we will be gradually focusing on the skills needed to be Year 1 ready and ensuring the children have the confidence for this next step.

Easter holiday extra focus tasks.

- Please practice cutting skills.
- Ensure your child knows the date and month of their birthday.
- Practice writing their surname
- Go through the days of the week in order.
- Play board games to encourage taking turns and following rules.
- Learn tricky words which are printed in learning logs.
- Practice number and letter formation as lots of children do not start in the correct place. Sheets have been provided.
- Focus on writing capital letters to help with sentence starters. Sheets in book bags.
- Order and write numbers to 20 using correct formations, focus on 1 more/less than a given number
 and identify the missing number. Ask your child to close their eyes, remove a card and ask them to
 tell you the missing number by focusing on the numbers either side and not counting from 0. A
 pack of number cards is in your child's book bag.
- Encourage your child to write simple sentences, using their sound mat to phonetically (sound out) the words they want to use, or use word lists given at the early writing/independent writing meeting. Please don't spell words for them. Don't forget finger spaces, capital letter and full stop.
- Please reinforce when your child is colouring they must only colour in one direction.
- Please send any work into school after the holiday.

Ways to Help your Child

Reading- please ensure you hear your child read at least 4 times each week. Your child's book has more pages therefore they don't have to read the whole book at once as they will lose concentration and make mistakes. Please continue to record this in the learning log. Within this term your child will be set Active learn phonics bug books for you to access at home on a tablet or laptop. These books are set at the phonics level your child is at.

Writing- this term we are having a main focus of encouraging independent writing, with emphasis on capital letters, finger spaces between words and full stops. The children are asked to say their sentence and with support to say each word in turn to hear the letter sounds and count the words. They will write the sounds they hear which tells me where they are at for example wen for when or litl for little. Please resist the urge to correct this or write a sentence for your child to copy. We have a superstar writing table in free flow where the children can write invitations for their puppet shows, cards for friends, menus for the kitchen or parking tickets for outside!

Maths-Encourage your child to use objects to make patterns to show numbers from 1 to 10. Encourage them to see the number without having to count, this is subitising which is a main focus in our curriculum. Dominoes and dice are great examples for your child to begin with. Continue to place numbers in order and say which number is 1 more or 1 less than a given number. Please work within the range of numbers that

your child knows and recognises. We are looking at how to build numbers in ones or a ten and ones. 12 would be a whole 10 or 10 stick and 2 ones, not a one and a two. Keep saying or writing all number bonds to 10. These are 2 numbers when added together make the target number, don't forget to include the target number plus zero. We are also working on knowing the full story of a number. E.g. show me...objects. If I have.... How many more do I need to make...? Numberblocks is great to watch on youtube as you can select the number to focus on.

As part of our PSHE sessions during the summer term, the children will be working through the 'Changing Me' unit. Our sessions will focus on growing up and how the children have changed since they were babies.

What we will be learning this term

English Our class text- The lion inside, The extraordinary gardener, Meet the oceans Additional texts: The Tiger Who Came to Tea and Stanley's Stick

We will also be exploring a range of poetry to look at spring time.

Maths Concepts covered- This half term we are focusing on number bonds 5 to 10, and ordering numbers to 20, knowing how they are made with a 10 and ones. We still need to continue with one more, one less to link to adding and subtracting. Subtracting is a key focus this term Within provision our maths is linked to money, we identify the different coins and notes, but with a focus on counting in pennies. Throughout our provision the children will be setting up shops, using mathematical language such as cost, pence, change and price.

Other Curricular areas: We are focusing on the King and the royal family, exploring London landmarks as our capital and comparing this to Harthill.

As an art focus, we will be studying a variety of works by Andy Warhol and producing some of our own capturing his style.

Useful Websites

<u>www.activelearnprimary.co.uk</u> – a variety of colour banded eBooks allocated to your child <u>www.harthillprimary.co.uk</u> – showcasing your child's learning with photographs and information individually

Note from the FS2 team

Please feel free to speak to us about any learning you are unsure of. Do not worry at this stage about transition into year 1 this will be covered next half term.