



Chestnut Class – Autumn 1

Mrs Yates, Mrs McKee, Mrs Conroy and Miss Jackson

Welcome to Year 3!

We hope the children have had a much-earned rest and are ready to start the new school year with lots of enthusiasm. Mrs McKee, Mrs Conroy, Miss Jackson and I are really looking forward to working with the children to help them grow, flourish, and reach their full potential.

✦ Key Information ✦

PE will be on **Thursdays**. Please can the children come to school in their PE uniform rather than changing at school.

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays to **reinforce the children's learning**, rather than as extra work. Please be reassured it should not cause any distress. Should anyone have any difficulties please speak to either myself or Mrs McKee.

Spellings and times tables ideally these should be practised regularly to enhance the children's learning.

Please do not hesitate to speak to one of the team if you have any concerns.

Kind regards,

Mrs Yates

English

The children will explore the folktale **The Tin Forest** and learn about biographies. They will develop their reading, writing and grammar skills through shared reading, discussion and modelled writing, before planning, writing and editing their own stories using descriptive language, prepositions, conjunctions, noun phrases, capital letters and full stops.

Maths

Place value, Addition and Subtraction

In Maths, we will develop our understanding of **place value** by reading, writing, comparing and partitioning numbers up to 1,000. We will practise efficient mental and written methods for **addition and subtraction** and recall and use the **3, 4 and 8 times tables**. We will also learn to **measure, compare and calculate simple perimeters**.

Spelling/Handwriting

We will continue to explore spelling rules and learn how to apply them **accurately** in our writing. We will also focus on developing neat, consistent handwriting and **taking pride in the presentation of our work**.

Science

In Science, we will explore **how humans and animals grow, stay healthy and move**. We will learn how **skeletons, muscles and joints** support, protect and move the body, compare different animal skeletons, and discover how **nutrition and a balanced diet** help keep humans and animals healthy and strong.

R.E

Unit 3.6 – Harvest

In R.E we will be learning about Harvest. We will discuss how people of faiths say thank you to God for the harvest and how Harvest is celebrated around the world by people with, and without faith. Can you write/draw about how Harvest is celebrated around the world.

Music

The children will learn to play the Glockenspiel and develop basic instrumental skills by performing simple tunes in a variety of music styles. They will build on their understanding of pulse, rhythm and pitch as well as being more confident.

Spanish

This year the children learn Spanish, including numbers 1–12, plural nouns and the verb tener (*tengo, tienes, tiene*) to ask and answer questions about belongings. They will develop their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills while building confidence in simple conversations and accurate

PE

In PE, the children will develop **netball and invasion game skills**, focusing on accurate **chest and bounce passes**. They will learn to use simple **attacking and defending tactics**, working effectively as a team during competitive games.

Design Technology

The children will learn how to design and make shell structures by creating packaging for a Lancashire product. They will investigate existing packaging, explore ways to strengthen and reinforce structures, and use a range of tools and materials to design, make and evaluate their own packaging against design criteria.

History

We will explore **how life in Britain changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age**. We will learn about hunter-gatherers, farming, settlements and hill forts, and use **archaeological evidence** to understand how people lived and how Britain changed over time.

PSHE

The children will develop their understanding of wellbeing through the *myHappyMind* topics **Meet Your Brain, Celebrate and Relate**. They will learn how their brain works, deepen their understanding of emotions and develop self-regulation strategies, while recognising their strengths, celebrating achievements and