

CHESTNUT CLASS 2025-2026



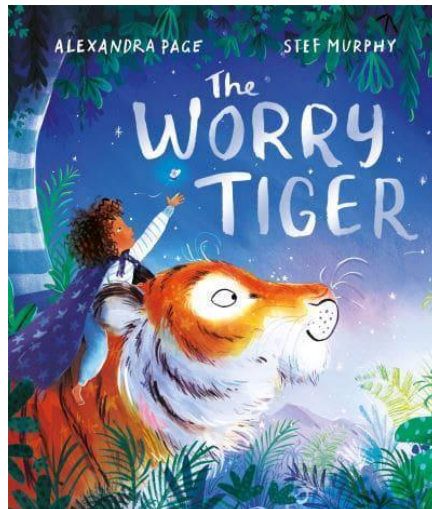
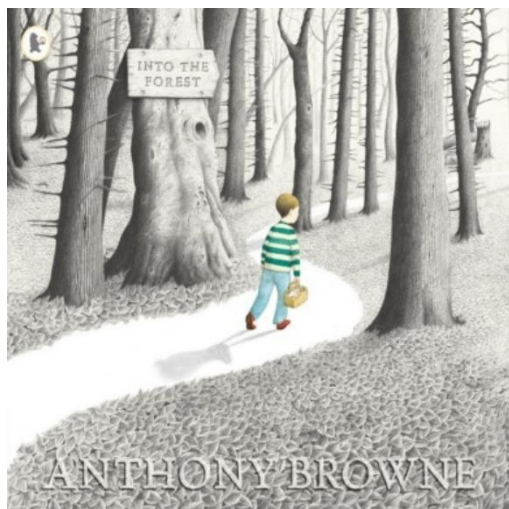
Dear Parents and Children in Chestnut Class,

Welcome back to school after the summer. Here is some information about what we will be covering this term.

Activities and Class Topics

Literacy

Our first unit of work will be based on “Into the Forest” by Anthony Browne. We will be working up to creating our own “lost” narrative, focussing on descriptive writing and personification. Our second text will be “The Worry Tiger” by Alexandra Page. In this short unit we will explore feelings and work towards writing a worry guide of our own.



Mathematics

For maths we will be teaching from the White Rose scheme and through this scheme the children will develop understanding and skills in place value; mental calculation and paper and pencil procedures for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; recognising and calculating fractions and decimals, data handling and reasoning about shapes and measures, position and direction. We will work on learning times tables throughout the year and use TTRockstars to help us.

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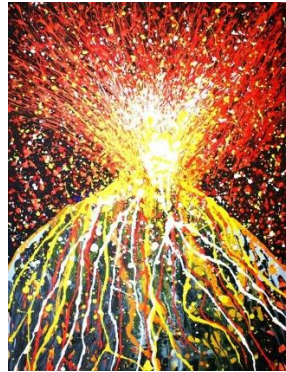
History and Geography

Our first topic will be all about Volcanoes. We will be looking at the composition of the Earth, how volcanoes and earthquakes occur and the effects they have on people around them. We will also look at the rocks we find on our school site.

In history we will explore the stone age, bronze age and iron ages. We will be thinking about how we know what we know and thinking about archaeology.

DT and Art

In art sessions we will be looking at the drawings of Quentin Blake as well as emulating the volcano painting of Nick Rowland.



Science

Our first theme in science will be all about plants and after half term we will be looking at how plants thrive and planting our own seeds and bulbs. Understanding flowers and seeds and ways in which plants reproduce.

PE

Our class will have PE on **Thursdays** and **Fridays** this term, so all children need to have their kit in school on these days; however, it would be useful for your child to have a PE kit on their peg all week. With the weather growing colder, I would also recommend a sweatshirt and joggers or track suit to be available in their PE bag. Our lessons this term will be dance or multi skills on Thursdays with Mrs. Campey and Football with Stockport FC on Fridays.

Reading

Reading is a very important part of everything we do in Chestnut Class. Sometimes we will share a book as a whole class, other times we will read individually. Children who still need support will be worked with each day but every day we have a quiet reading time and once a week each child will take part in a group reading or writing session to develop their reading and writing skills and discuss texts. Children are encouraged to read regularly, preferably every day, at home and will bring home their new reading records in the first few days.

Mrs Campey will teach Chestnut Class every Thursday

Computing

We will be learning how to email and later in the half term we will be using "Scratch" to create our own programs.

RE

We will be learning about how beliefs shape people's lives and how different types of Christians live, according to what the Bible says. We will also be learning about what other religious / non-religious groups think about what people should believe. The children will be think about love and whether it can change the world. After half term we will be learning

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about the Trinity, what people from non-religious groups think about God and our own personal beliefs.

Homework

Once we have settled into school, your child should receive 2 or 3 pieces of homework each week, as follows: Maths workbooks, a literacy or topic based piece and a spelling pattern to learn. Spellings will be tested on **Fridays**. Maths and Literacy homework will be given on **Wednesdays** and due back in school the following **Tuesday**. Each child will be given a homework diary this year and we ask you to check and sign it each week to let us know that the homework has been done.

Extra Information

Bags

We ask the children to bring in a pump bag each week, as mentioned, and it is crucial that this bag is a **drawstring bag** as we will be keeping these bags in our small cloakroom. We do not have the room for every child to bring in a backpack each day, our cloakroom is small, back packs drop to the floor and cause a significant trip hazard. If you feel your child needs to use a backpack please let me know, but otherwise please only use a backpack on days where your child is going to an after school club such as WFA, and needs extra kit in school.

Water

We encourage the children to drink water during the day and therefore encourage them to bring in a water bottle. **Please ensure your child's bottle is labelled** and we will remind them to bring the bottle home daily for washing!

Pencil cases

Children are allowed to bring a pencil case from home, though this is not a necessity, please limit the size of the case as large cases take up valuable room on the desks.

This year we will have Mrs. Naden, Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Sizemore in class to support our children. We hope this information is helpful but do feel free to share any concerns or worries you may have regarding your child.

Kind regards

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