

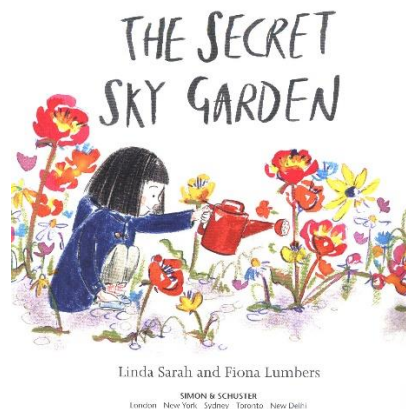
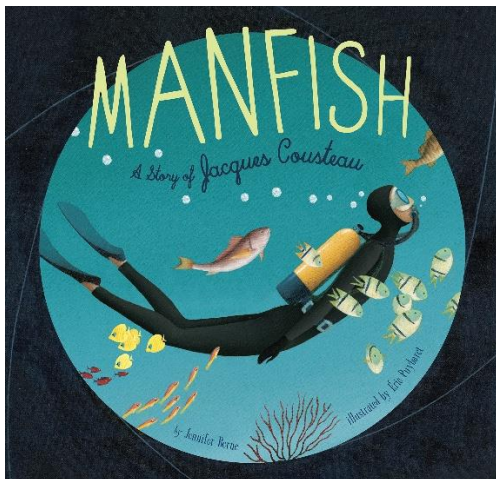
CHESTNUT CLASS 2025-2026



Dear Parents of children in Chestnut Class

Just a few bits of information to ease you into our summer term:

Activities and Class Topics



Literacy

In our first Literacy lessons we will be looking at the book “Manfish- A story of Jacques Cousteau”. This a beautiful biography of the famous oceanographer and conservationist. We will be writing an invention narrative and learning how to write a biography. Our second text is “The Secret Sky Garden” by Linda Sarah. We will be using this to inspire our transformation narratives.

Mathematics

For maths we will be teaching from the White Rose scheme. The children will be developing understanding and skills in place value; mental calculation and paper and pencil procedures for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; fractions, decimals, percentages, ratio and proportion, data handling and reasoning about shapes and measures.

Please make sure your child is completing their TTRockstars homework each week. This is **not** meant to be an optional homework and it is essential practice for times tables.

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Year 4- Multiplication Tables Check- 1st June- 12th June

This is the date of the MTC for Year 4s. The test can happen at any point in this fortnight and we always do our best to keep it low key. I'm sure they are very well prepared already. More information to follow.

Geography

Our first topic this term is about where our food comes from. We will look at where different foods are produced and why, the impact of importation of food and calculating our air miles. We will learn to locate countries on a world map and think about ethical trading.

History

For History we will continue with our theme of invasions and ask how hard it was to settle here in Britain.

DT and Art

We are still working on our castle models for DT. When this is complete we will go on to Art and look at the work of Andy Warhol.

Science

We will begin the summer term learning about light and shadows. Exploring the link between light and darkness, observing reflections and investigating different factors that affect shadows.

After half term we will move on to electricity and circuits. Exploring electrical components and conductivity through circuit building and real life applications.

Music

Recorder and Clarinet lessons continue. The class will be taking part in the Halle performance at the Bridgewater Hall on Thursday 11th June and are already preparing their pieces.

Most of our curriculum music lessons this term will be preparing for our end of year show.

Reading

Reading is the most important homework parents can do with their children. None of our class are too old to be read to and a story at bedtime is a very valuable habit to develop. Please remember to encourage your child to read regularly at home and to update their reading record. The reading challenge continues!

Mrs Campey will teach class 4 every Thursday- and will deliver Science, Maths, RE and IT

RE

In our theme this term we will take a multi faith approach to look at the questions "what kind of world do we want to live in?" And "what impact can I have?"

We will look at how religious and non- religious charities work to aid others.

After half term we explore the religion of Hinduism through research, art and stories.

PE:

Our Monday swimming sessions will count as one of our PE sessions this term and football will continue on Friday afternoons. However, in the summer term, it is lovely to seize the opportunity when we have lovely weather to go outdoors and play rounders or cricket, so having a PE kit on the peg every day is a good idea.

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Computing

We will begin the term by looking into programming music using scratch. We will compose a piece to accompany a theme, short film or picture.

After half term we will be exploring computational thinking through unplugged activities and applying these to programming. Again using scratch to refine and evaluate algorithms and justify choices in their code.

Homework

As before, your child should receive 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 set on **Wednesdays** and due back the following **Tuesday**.

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, backpacks 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 yoga, 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, please limit the size of the case so that it can fit in your child's tray each night.

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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