

### Reception Parent Letter – Summer Term

In the summer term, Chestnut class will be continuing to build their independence, across all areas of their learning. As well as learning new things, they will now begin to consolidate lots of their existing learning and explore new ways to apply their knowledge.

As the weather improves, the children will encounter many more opportunities to explore the world around them and investigate living things. We currently have some caterpillars in class, which over the next few weeks, the children will be able to observe as they grow and change, learning about life cycles. They are already noticing some changes and have been recording these in our caterpillar diary.

In maths, we will be focusing on counting within the teen numbers, particularly counting backwards and counting on from selected numbers. During child initiated learning, children will have opportunities to solve problems involving numbers, shapes and measures.

To develop the children's literacy skills we will be following their interests, finding purposeful writing opportunities to engage them and increase their love of writing, whilst allowing them to apply their knowledge of sounds and sentences.

### Important Days to Remember:

#### **Wednesday - Library**

Children will only be able to bring home a new library book if they have returned the previous week's.

#### **Friday - P.E.**

P.E. kits are needed in school for P.E. lessons on Friday afternoon, however please try to ensure kits are left at school as much as possible, in case there are any additional P.E. sessions or timetable changes and for any after school clubs they attend.

If you would prefer, we are happy for you to take P.E. kit home on Thursday after school and for your child to come into school on Fridays already dressed for P.E. with their school uniform in their bag. Now the weather is improving we will be doing P.E. outside whenever possible, please ensure your child has suitable P.E. footwear.

#### **Clubs**

If your child is attending an after school sports club, please make sure they have all items of P.E. kit in their bag in school.

#### **Calendar**

You have hopefully spotted our class calendar in the cloakroom that has important dates added to it for each month. Please have a look if you are unsure of a date for an upcoming club or event.

### Home Learning Opportunities and Tapestry:

Please continue to support your child at home, by:

- Listening to and discussing stories, both from home and library
  - Reading Read Write Inc. books/ditties
- We expect children to read or be read to every day at home.**
- Practising reading, writing and blending with sounds from sound books
  - Using mathletics online
  - Later in the term, your child will start bringing home book banded books, suited to their current reading level - please share these at home, practising reading accuracy, fluency and expression.

Please also continue to share your child's home learning on Tapestry - they have loved telling us all about what they have been up to! If you are having any problems using Tapestry, please come and let us know.

Don't forget you can use your child's red communication book if you have any questions, or something you need to tell us. Alternatively please come and speak to us at the end of the day :)

### End of Year Graduation:

At the end of the summer term, we will be holding a graduation ceremony for Chestnut class, to celebrate all of their wonderful achievements during their first year at school. We would love you all to come and join us for this special event. It will take place at school on Monday 23rd July, starting at 2.15 and finishing at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Miss Sherress & Mrs Borthwick