

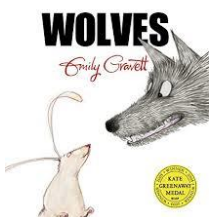
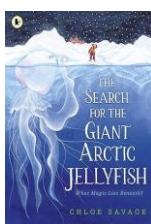


Chestnut Newsletter

September 2026

Welcome to Chestnut Class! I am excited to teach your child this year and share lots of amazing things together!

In **English** this half term we will be focussing on the texts '**The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish**' and '**Wolves**'. From these text children will non-fiction sentences and complete a story retell. We will be focussing on letter formation and handwriting, capital letters and full stops, joining using 'and' and noun phrases.



In **Maths** this half term we will be focussing on **place value** and **addition and subtraction**. Year 1 children will work with numbers to 20. Year 2 children will work with numbers to 50 and then will build to 100.

In **Phonics** Year 1 and Year 2 children will start with a recap on previous phase phonics. Year 1 children will recap Phase 3 and 4 phonics and will then begin Phase 5 phonics. Year 2 children will recap Phase 5 phonics. Weekly phonics review sheets will be sent home each week.

Reading Children will continue to read their reading book three times a week in class. This book will then be sent home on a Wednesday and collected in again on a Monday so the book can be changed. Once the book has been read three times in school it will then be sent home again on a Wednesday. The three reads in class will focus on decoding, prosody and comprehension. Please comment in your child's planner when you listen to them read.

Homework

Homework will now be sent half termly. A homework grid will be sent home with 9 different activities for you to choose. It is expected you complete at least **3** different activities. We will share any homework images or work with the class when it has been completed so, please let me know.

Student Planners

Your child will have a student planner. There is space for reading to be logged and messages written by home and school. These will be checked daily in school, and we ask that you do the same at home to aid communication. There is space for you to sign at the end of the week to show you have accessed this.

Geography

In geography our unit of work is '**Where we Live**. We will locate our own home on maps, locate our school, create maps of our local area, complete fieldwork of our local area and then compare our local area to Atlas Mountains.



Art and Design

Our focus this half term will be **Design Technology**. We will be planning, designing and making a chair that is suitable for Baby Bear.

Science

In Science this half term will be focussing on materials. We will name different materials and their properties and complete an experiment linked to this.

PSHE

Our unit of work this half term is '**Me and My Relationships**'. We will focus on classroom rules, feelings and what it means to be a good friend.

RE

Our key question in RE this half term is '**What can we learn from sacred books?**' which we will link to the religions Christianity and Islam.

Computing

We will focus on introducing Purple Mash this half term and then will look at the internet and learn what makes it. Home logins will be sent home in planners so children can access Purple Mash at home.

PE

PE will take place on a **Monday and Friday** with on the fundamental skills of '**Attack, Defend and Shoot**'.



Water Bottles

Please ensure your child **always** has a named water bottle in school.