

## Parents' Information Session

Event	Information	Important Days
Homework Diaries	<p>The children have their homework diaries to help them organise their learning and routines. It is a book to record homework deadlines, target book work and records of when they have worked independently.</p> <p>It is a good way to prepare them for secondary school and inside you will find useful information and some material to support this term's learning.</p> <p>The homework diary provides a useful means of communication between school and home.</p>	The diary should be in school every day and come home in the children's book bags every evening.
Target Books	<p>This is a clear way of understanding the next steps in your child's learning. In the front of the book you will find your child's current writing target and in the back will be their maths target.</p> <p>This allows you to keep up with the small steps that can have a big impact on your child's learning journey. Regular work and revisiting of these targets is the most effective way to help your children to achieve.</p> <p>Please check the 'Morning Rota' timetable to see what day your child sees me for target setting and support them in achieving their personalised goals.</p>	This book should be in school every day and come home in the book bag every evening
Home Reading	<p>This should be recorded in the homework diary. The children should continue to read regularly at home. Varying reading independently, sharing books and holding discussions about what is being read would be my recommended formula.</p> <p>The children will be required to record their reading 3 times a week and strongly encouraged to aim for 5 as part of their in-class reward scheme.</p> <p>Your support in this area remains crucial in improving children's reading and their learning behaviours.</p> <p>The children are encouraged to make sensible choices about which books they are reading. Independent choice is a big part of them becoming 'readers.' Books from school, home, library etc are appropriate. If you find that you need support in choosing books, I am really happy to help.</p>	Book in school every day and home in the book bag every evening
Spelling	<p>The children will have weekly spellings to learn and apply in their writing.</p> <p>The spellings will come from the new spelling programme within the National Curriculum.</p> <p>Look Say Cover Write Check, using colour, dictation and</p>	<p>Spelling test is Wednesday</p> <p>New spellings will come home on a Wednesday</p>

	application in independent writing remain good ways to support the learning of spelling at home.	
Topic Web	<p>The topic web provided in the homework diary is a way of keeping up with the areas of learning we are covering in Chestnut Class.</p> <p>Use this to ask questions about your child's learning. This will help them to consolidate their knowledge and embed their understanding.</p>	n/a
Homework	<p>In addition to weekly target work, spellings and reading. The children will be given weekly maths challenges (These activities will vary) and twice a term the children will be asked to complete an extended research project.</p> <p>This homework tasks will be recorded in their homework diaries but will always be accompanied by an information letter.</p>	Look out for the letters
Music Lessons	<p>These are every Friday PM with Mrs Schofield</p> <p>Regular practice at home will support the children's learning.</p>	Instruments in school every Friday and returned the same day
P.E.	<p>This is scheduled for a games lesson on a Wednesday and a gymnastics lesson on a Friday with Mrs Knight.</p> <p>School P.E. kit should be in school every day. It is really helpful if the children are prepared for their lessons. Your support in this is really appreciated.</p> <p>As the weather gets colder, warmer clothes are very appropriate.</p>	<p>P.E. kits in school every day</p> <p>This includes trainers for break times</p>
Rotas	<p>The children will take part in 2 rotas every day:</p> <p>Please see the rotas in the homework diaries and try to ensure that the correct books etc are in school on the relevant days.</p> <p>This is a half hour differentiated session where the children have independent learning tasks such as touch typing, use of Learnpads and an activity related to their topic work. Others have adult led sessions such as target setting, spelling revision, library visits or teaching of reading skills.</p>	Every day

I hope this information is helpful in understanding how you can support the learning in Chestnut Class. If you need more information, please feel free to ask.

Kind regards,

Mr Murray