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**We do our best in all we do, with God's love.**  
**'Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another.'**  
**John 13**

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope this letter finds you well having enjoyed a relaxing Christmas break! Thank you to everyone who kindly gave gifts and cards to us last term, we are always blown away by your generosity.

Our topic for the coming term is: **'Curiosity and Conflict.'** We will be embarking on an exciting journey through subjects that focus primarily on history, science, design technology and art!

In design technology we will be starting the term with a blast, using the book 'Armstrong the Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon' to inspire the children to plan, design, test and improve a lunar landing module that could safely land an astronaut on the moon! This will then lead into a series of science lessons which take us beyond our planet as we delve into finding out more about the moon, sun, and our solar system; even touching on the incredible V2 rocket!



We will reflect on the Greeks and their significant influence on our modern Western world, inspiring curious minds to think critically about our past. In art, the children will sketch the amazing phases of the moon, while in English, the children will learn what ingredients and techniques are needed to write an inspiring information talk. They will then go on to create and present their very own TED talks.

After half term, we will then discover the impact the V2 rocket had in history as we explore the impact of World War II, discussing the resilience and innovation that sprang from such tumultuous times. Our Geography will focus more on the Human aspect of the subject, looking at economic activity including trade links which we will also link to our PSHCE lessons on 'Economic Wellbeing.'

In Maths, our fractions work continues and will develop to include decimals, percentages and the link between these three important topics. Alongside this, we will be developing our multiplication and division skills. In RE, our two big questions for the term are: 'What spiritual pathways to Moksha are written about in Hindu scriptures?' and then in Christianity: 'What did Jesus do to save human beings?'

As well as all of the learning above we are also very much looking forward to singing at the Chichester Festival Theatre as part of United Voices and taking part in swimming lessons at the Westgate Leisure Centre - it's a busy term!

Please continue to encourage the children to read as much as possible (and sign their homework diaries); learn times tables; practise spellings and especially for the Year 6s support them to complete any extra SATs homework that may come their way! As always, any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact any of the Chestnut team and we will be happy to help.

Best wishes from The Chestnut Team