



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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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



Chestnut Class Parent Information Letter: Spring 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a happy and healthy festive period. This term, we have many exciting opportunities to look forward to including taking part in Young Voices at the O₂ Arena in January and a visit to the London Science Museum in March.

Our theme this term is 'Curiosity' and the importance of asking questions.

This term we will travel to outer space to investigate our solar system. We will learn about the amazing contributions that Ancient Greek astronomers made to the field of astronomy and be inspired by their curiosity and early discoveries. We will use space exploration as a context for a range of STEM learning activities. As a result of our learning, Year 5/6 pupils will take charge of planning and leading a 'Space Day' for the other classes in school.

To help us learn, we will read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts including George's Secret Key to the Universe by Lucy Hawking and Stephen Hawking. We will link writing to our topic, as well as learning about space through other subjects such as computing and DT.



Reading



Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home. Pupils should record details of their reading in their **Homework Diary**. Diaries will be checked each **Friday**.



Spelling

Spelling homework will be set each **Monday** and should be **completed by Friday** of the same week. Details of spelling homework will be available on our Google classroom site.

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Mathematics

Mathematics homework will be set each **Wednesday** and should be completed by the following **Monday**.



Chestnut Google Classroom

Details of homework, as well as our weekly timetable and many of our class lesson resources will be accessible to pupils on our Google classroom site.

Chestnut Class Weekly Overview:

Children should bring the following equipment to school on the days shown.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P.E. kit (To be kept in school all week) Reading diary & Independent reading book <i>Spelling homework set</i> <i>Return mathematics homework</i> Spelling workbook Maths Matters workbook	P.E. kit Reading diary & Independent reading book Spelling workbook Maths Matters workbook	P.E. kit SWIMMING Reading diary & Independent reading book <i>Mathematics homework set</i> Spelling workbook Maths Matters workbook	P.E. kit Reading diary & Independent reading book Spelling workbook Maths Matters workbook	P.E. kit Reading diary & Independent reading <i>Submit spelling homework</i> <i>Reading diaries Checked.</i> Spelling workbook Maths Matters workbook

P.E.

This term, pupils will swim at the Westgate Leisure Centre each Wednesday morning. The first session will take place on Wednesday 11th January. Mr. Johnson will continue to teach P.E. every Friday morning.

Please feel free to speak to me on the playground in the morning or at the end of the day. You can also email the office to make an appointment to discuss matters that are more specific.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Karen Prudence