

Chestnut Class

Autumn 1 – Mighty Mayans

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone, I hope you have had a brilliant summer. We are so excited to explore the 'Mighty Mayans' this half term. We will be starting off by looking at a video about the day of the dead and a trip to the underworld and write a story focusing on suspense and atmosphere. We will then look at writing a non-fiction report about the day of the dead.

Homework expectations

Reading: For reading, we will continue to use Accelerated Reader (AR), which assesses reading levels through vocabulary and comprehension. From your child's result, we help them choose a book at an appropriate level which they can get from the library. Please listen to your child read or read to your child **every day** for 15 minutes and write a comment/ signature in their diary and note what page they read up to. Once they have read the book, they complete a comprehension quiz in school or at home (using the school link). Please ensure your child brings his or her reading book and reading diary to school every day.

Spellings: At the front of your child's homework book, you will find your child's statutory spelling list. Please learn these over the course of the year. We will be using and applying these frequently in school. The children should be able to **read** and **spell** these words.

Homework: Every Friday, the children will receive homework to complete. This may be work based on Maths, English, Guided Reading or a foundation subject. Homework should be completed and handed in by the following Wednesday. Any homework not completed by the following Wednesday can be completed in homework club on Thursday lunchtime.

TT Rockstars: Times table rocks stars is a website that the children have a login for which supports children in learning and remembering their times tables. Please login to TTRS as much as you can to support your child's fluency of their times tables.

PE Lessons

PE lessons are taught by Mr Tyrell. PE will take place for the whole class on a Tuesday morning. There will be additional dance lessons on a Monday afternoon for this half term.

What to bring to school

We like to encourage the children to bring in a healthy snack to have during playtime. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a named water bottle and labelled clothing.

Year 6 SATs

In the summer 2 term, the year 6's will be undertaking the SATs tests. This consists of three maths tests (one arithmetic and two reasoning papers), a reading paper and a spelling test. We will practice throughout the year to help the students to prepare. This will begin with a mock SATs week that will begin on Monday 16th October. Students will also be graded on their writing but this will be done internally.

Please come to see me if you have any questions or queries or phone the school if you would like to make an appointment.

Many thanks,
Mr Keirle