

CHESTNUT CLASS NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

11th January, 2019

Happy new year and welcome back to a new term at Longleaze. May we first say thank you so much for your lovely (and delicious!) Christmas gifts. Mrs Rose, Ms. McAlroy and I were very touched by your thoughtfulness.

Our topic this term is ‘Young Explorers’, a geography and history-based topic in which we will explore one of the most significant events in world history. Our Topic Web is attached, where you can see the learning for the term.

Mr Yeo will continue to teach computing and PE on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure named PE kits are in school EVERY day. You may wish to include some long ‘jogging bottoms’ in PE kits as we approach the colder weather. Please also ensure your child has a coat in school as we will go out for breaktimes, in all but very poor weather.

Please may we ask you to check that your child’s school clothing and their water bottles are all named, as we are collecting rather a lot of un-named belongings.

We will be using the results of our comprehension assessments just before Christmas to check your child’s reading book level over the next week or two. We will continue to encourage children to change their books regularly. We would also ask that you continue to listen to your child read regularly and check their understanding with them.

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday and should be handed in on the following Wednesday. Spelling patterns and spelling rules for the term will be glued into the homework books as always. Handwriting and spelling are key elements of the year 2 curriculum so please may we ask that you set aside time to work with your children on these areas. The children are learning to join some letters using a semi-cursive style of handwriting; however it is most important that children form all their letters correctly first and we would request that this is a focus when writing at home. We very much appreciate the hard work you do with your children at home – thank you.

We have lots of fun and inspirational learning planned for this term. Our thoughts are also now starting to turn towards the children’s SATs assessments, which they will sit in term 5. We will let you have more information regarding these in term 4. To help the children achieve the best they can in these assessments, our expectations for the children’s behaviour, listening skills, attitude to learning and effort will continue to be very high over the coming weeks.

If you have any worries or concerns, please do speak to me after school or, if you have an urgent message in the morning, please let Mrs Rose or Mrs Boraston, our Teaching Assistant, know.

With best wishes,

Lise James

Chestnut Class Teacher