



Chestnut Class

Spring Term: Wings, Wheels and Sails

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term.

The KS1 **topic** for this term is Wings, Wheels and Sails; year 2 will focus mainly on the journey of the Titanic. The children will dive into history and be caught up in the launch celebrations of the Titanic. We will look at the different classes on board, their food menus and the exciting entertainments that were available. Each child will take on a character and pack a suitcase for the trip.

This topic will bring life to our writing. This term in **English** we will look at diary entries, postcards, letters and newspaper articles. Alongside this there is plenty of opportunity to study an author – Nick Butterworth and look at a few of his stories.

As a class we are developing a love for **reading**. Please keep reading with your children – it makes such a difference. Please use the home / school reading log to record progress. If your child reads a book from home, let them record it on our love for reading tree. We want to share great books and make a priority for reading. Children will have the opportunity to change books at least once a week (they can take 3 books home at a time). During the school day there are ample opportunities for the children to read individually, in pairs, groups and as a whole class.

Spellings are set weekly and tested on Fridays. We want children to learn their spellings and use them in their writing. The spelling test will include a few spellings from previous weeks, just to ensure that they are retaining the words.

The teaching of **phonics** is happening in small groups. These groups are short-structured sessions focussing on targeted sounds. Extra phonics sessions are also in place and are helping some children to catch up – we make it fun and enjoyable.

During our **Maths** lessons we will continue to build on all the number work this term. Our initial focus is on the link between multiplication and division. We will then cover fractions, statistics and geometry. Over the weeks: shape, time and measure will be reinforced. So much to cover! Every lesson is fast-paced and stretching every child.

Science is going to be fun. We begin by looking at what we eat – a healthy lunchbox. I am trying to arrange a fantastic trip to Tuppenny Barn; details to follow. We will then continue our learning and look at growth. A few experiments will be added to link in with the Titanic.

We hope that your children are enjoying the **Music** lessons. We will continue to learn how to play the ukulele.

This term in **PE** we will focus on gymnastics, hockey and football skills. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school.

Our **Art** lessons will use the Topic work to inspire us. We will continue to develop our drawing skills and look at sea pictures to enhance our colour blending. During the second half term the children will become inventors and **design**, make and review a boat. This will give them a chance to make a model and test it out in water!

The class will learn how to talk and listen to each other during our **circle times**. We will discuss what it means to have a healthy lifestyle, what we like about ourselves and talk about how we are feeling. Our **RE** lessons will look at creation. Looks of opportunities to appreciate what we have around us.

Homework will be sent home. There will be weekly spellings and maths sheets. Also, a choice of topic work will be given which can be completed throughout the Spring Term (plenty of time to be creative). Some reading comprehension may follow as we progress into the term. Thank you for adding notes to the homework, it lets me know if I need to go over questions with certain children. Please can you ensure that any work is completed in pencil and given in on the Friday.

If you have any concerns about your child, please remember to speak to me. I am available in the playground before school starts and via email.

Many thanks for all your support.

Mrs Collins and the team.