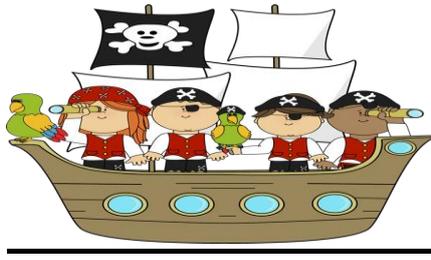


# Chestnut Class Newsletter Term 6

## Under the Sea / Pirates



Welcome back to you all!

We hope you all had a lovely half term. This term our topics are Under the Sea and Pirates. The children will be learning about all the different sea creatures, their food chains and the habitats where they live. We will explore seashores and talk about staying safe on the beach and in the sea. We are also going to have great fun learning about pirates! The role play area is currently being transformed into an under the sea world and later on in the term it will be turned into a pirate ship.

In Maths this term we will be practicing addition and subtraction sums, doubling numbers and counting in 2, 5 and 10's. The children will also be taking part in lots of estimating and problem solving activities exploring size, weight, capacity, distance, time, money and 2D / 3D shapes.

In phonics the children will continue to develop their use of sounds to segment and blend words within their reading and writing. They will consolidate their learning of two and three letter sounds such as 'ai, ee, oa, er, ng, or, qu, oi, ch, sh, th, oo, ar, er, ur, ow, igh, ure, ear, air' and practice reading and writing words using these sounds. We will also be continuing to encourage the children to write independently. This will be through writing their own under the sea poems, rainbow fish stories, non-fiction sea creature fact books and pirate themed writing.

The children are all doing really well with the reading books. Thank you all so much for taking the time to read with your child at home it really does make a difference! As well as reading with your child at home we will send home a homework activity sheet. We would love you to support your child complete some or all of these homework activities during the course of the term and bring their work/creations into school to share with us all once completed.

We are also lucky enough to have Mrs Howell join us for her final teacher training placement. She will be part of the teaching team this term and she is very excited to be teaching with us in Chestnut Class.

If you need to speak to us feel free to see us in the mornings or if a longer time is needed, please arrange an appointment at the office or write a message in your child's contact book.

Thank you all so much for your ongoing support and dedication to your child's learning. We are really looking forward to another fun and exciting term!

Mrs Ball, Mrs Le Mar, Mrs Howell and Miss Hastings

