



Meet The Teacher FAQs

Reception Chestnut Class

What day will PE be on for Chestnut class?

We do not have a set PE day as physical development is a large part of our curriculum and supported everyday through our indoor and outdoor environments. However after half term we do PE once or twice every half term to practice getting dressed and undressed independently. Unfortunately these days are planned around the children's interests at the current time.

Year 1 Willow Class

The timetable overview was helpful. How often does a child read to an adult?

We are aiming to hear the children read their RWI books, in a group, at least twice a week and hopefully 3 times if we can.

The phonics screening they usually would have had in year R will this happen in year 1, and will we get the results?

We will have the normal phonics screening in June in Year 1. There is no screening in Year R. The only other thing it might be is the RWI screening which will happen each half term.

When will books start to come home?

Reading books have gone home today (22nd September).

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Is Reading Eggs still available for them?

Probably no to Reading Eggs. We only have 30 licences until February.

Year 4 Maple Class

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Year 5 Beech Class

Will they study history as it is not on the map at all?

History will be covered as part of Ancient Greeks (Spring Term) and Mayan Civilisation (Summer Term)



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Last year there was a shift away from studying the same topics or creating tasks just to connect them to a text say, but it appears this topic is all about space and so they're studying Cosmic in English and all of the other subjects/tasks are linked to space somehow. Is this just for this half term that it works well or are you reverting back to creating tasks specific to a topic?

It is dependent on the class text, there are many curriculum links with Cosmic to space. However, our text in the summer term, Holes by Louis Sachar, does not link to any of our topic area so will be standalone. Our art, DT, and music this term are predominately linked to space this term.

The curriculum gives an overview, but doesn't specify how this looks different for students of differing ability. Can this be discussed at parents evening?

We plan our curriculum across the school to meet the needs of all pupils from extra support/guidance to stretching the more able. This can be discussed in more detail at parents evening.