

# The Chestnut Chronicle

Wow, time really does fly when you are having fun! I can't believe that we are at the end of another half-term. I have been so incredibly proud of the hard work, kindness and progress shown by all the children.

In English, we have been using a range of inspiring texts to support our writing, including *The Lion and the Mouse* by Jerry Pinkney and *A Year of Nature Poems* by Joseph Coelho. The children have enjoyed exploring these texts and using them as a stimulus for their own writing. There has also been a strong focus on building positive writing habits, stamina and creativity, with children taking great pride in their work.



In Maths, Year 1 pupils have been developing their understanding of number through work on addition and subtraction within 20, counting in multiples, and beginning to explore multiplication, division and basic geometry. Year 2 pupils have focused on positional and directional geometry, alongside revisiting key measures (length, mass, capacity and temperature) and consolidating place value, addition, subtraction and fractions through problem-solving activities. Across both year groups, there has been a strong emphasis on collaborative learning and mathematical talk to support reasoning and understanding.



As for the rest of the curriculum, it has been jam-packed with new learning. In Geography, children have compared beaches and explored human and physical features. In Science, they have learned about plant growth and what plants need to survive. In Art, they have been inspired by nature and the work of Nancy Wolff. In RE, they have explored why Hindu Mandirs are special places. In PSHE, they have focused on keeping safe, healthy routines and trusted adults. In Computing, they have developed digital imagery skills and online safety awareness. In PE, they have worked on dance and movement sequences. In Music, they created and performed an "Under the Sea" themed piece using instruments, voices and body percussion.

Finally, our Forest School sessions have been wonderful in the spring weather.



Thank you for your continued support. The children should be incredibly proud of all they have achieved. We hope you have a restful break and look forward to another exciting term ahead.