Dear Parents and Carers,

Next term, Chestnut Class will be exploring the question: **'Everywhere in the World is Hot: True or False?'** Our learning will include:

- **Geography:** hot and cold places around the world.
- **Science:** habitats, and how animals and plants live and survive in different places.
- **Music:** creating soundscapes about a chosen animal, based on its movements, features and habitat.
- **Art:** creating drawings, paintings and collages based on the work of Maria Merian and Eric Carle.

Please see the topic web for more details.

Nativity

This term, we will also be learning about the Christian celebration of Christmas. We are excited to be putting on our Nativity play on Tuesday 8th December at 2.00pm and Wednesday 9th December at 6.00pm. Children are kindly asked to attend at both performances. Further information will be sent closer to the time. More details about costumes and performances will follow.

PE

PE will take place on a **Wednesday** next term. Please remember to bring your child's PE kit into school at the beginning of term. It can stay on their peg.

Forest School

Forest School will take place on a **Friday afternoon**. As English weather is very unpredictable, please ensure that your child brings the following every Friday:

- A waterproof coat and waterproof trousers,
- Lots of warm layers, including long-sleeved T-shirts, jumpers and long trousers
- A warm hat and gloves
- Wellies or strong boots

Homework and Reading

Please ensure that your child brings their new homework folder into school every day, with their reading record and reading book inside. Children are expected to read their school book to someone at home at least **three times a week**.

Children can also complete a double page of Maths. This will be collected in for marking on a **Thursday** and returned on a **Friday**.

The purple phonics book shows you what your child has learnt in school that week. Please use this information to practise and revisit these sounds at home. Tricky words help children to read with fluency and should be read as sight words, without needing to sound them out. Please practise these by flashing them up in front of your child. Once they can read them on sight, help them to practise writing and spelling these words.

Class Dojo

To share the exciting learning happening in class, I will set up a Class Dojo account and invite parents to join. This will enable me to share photographs and celebrate learning with home. A separate letter will be sent out at the beginning of next term.

Working Together

As always, thank you for all your support. I look forward to continuing to work with you to support your child's learning and development. If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's learning or development, please get in touch.

Many thanks,
Mrs Archer