



Chestnut Class Year R Spring 1 Term Newsletter



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Travel the World with Buzz Lightyear

Our topic for this half term will be 'Travel the World with Buzz Lightyear'. Buzz will be visiting the children each week having visited a different country. He will give us lots of information about the country he has visited and the children will have the chance to explore this further through a mixture of both adult led and child initiated activities.



In P.E. we will be working on Dance. We will be learning traditional dances from different countries as well as our own dance to show in the school dance competition this term.



Understanding of the World
We will be looking at similarities and differences between different countries, such as different foods that are eaten, as well as popular traditions. We will also be looking at different modes of transport.

Ideas to help at home

It may be useful to look at and discuss different countries you may have visited with your children at home, or even different parts of England you have been to.

Communication, Language and Literacy.

In Literacy, we will be developing our writing skills. We will be writing for a range of purposes using our phonic knowledge to help us. We will also be reading our notes and emails from Buzz Lightyear!



We will be continuing with Read Write Inc, with a strong emphasis on segmenting and blending words in order for the children to use this to support their reading and writing.

Children will continue to bring books home this term. It is highly beneficial for the children to read daily at home if possible. Mrs Ludlam and I will also be reading with each child at school.



Expressive arts and design

We will be creating patterns in the style of Rangoli and Mhendi, which we will be looking at in Maths. We will also be recreating famous landmarks in the construction area as well as making Chinese lanterns.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be learning about talking about ourselves in a positive way and what makes us feel proud of ourselves.



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The link to our class blog is:

[http://](http://chestnutawbridge.wordpress.com)

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Please feel free to have a look at what we've been up to in Chestnut class and comment on our posts!

Children will be continuing to do P.E. twice a week, this will usually be on a Wednesday and Thursday, however PE kits should be in school at all times.



Please ensure your child's school uniform and P.E. kit are labelled.

Mathematics

In mathematics we will be becoming much more confident with our numbers to 20 and beyond. We will begin adding and subtracting numbers and finding one more and one less than any given number to 20. We will also be beginning to look at money, using the role-play areas to support this.

