

Welcome to Chestnut Class



Information for parents
September 2020





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It has been a pleasure to welcome your children back into school this September.

Chestnut class teachers are Mrs Phillips, who teaches on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Stevenson, who teaches on Thursdays and Fridays.

The teaching assistants for KS2 are Mrs Roberts, Mrs Cobb, Mrs Williams and Mrs Collins.

General information



Drop off and collection for children is via the back school gate that leads onto the Rec.

Drop off time: 8.55am

Collection time: 3.15pm

If you have more than one child at Box, it is fine for you to drop off all of your children at the time of your earliest drop off but please collect each child at their class's allocated time.

If you need to get a message to the class teacher, please call the office on 01225 742663 or alternatively send an email to admin@box.wilts.sch.uk. The information will be shared quickly.

Clothing and water bottles



Please can all clothing and belongings be clearly labelled with your child's name. At this current time, we are not able to store lost property so it would be useful to reunite any strayed items with their owner as quickly as possible.

Please can your child bring a water bottle to school every day as they are not able to use the water fountains at the moment.

Mixed age classes



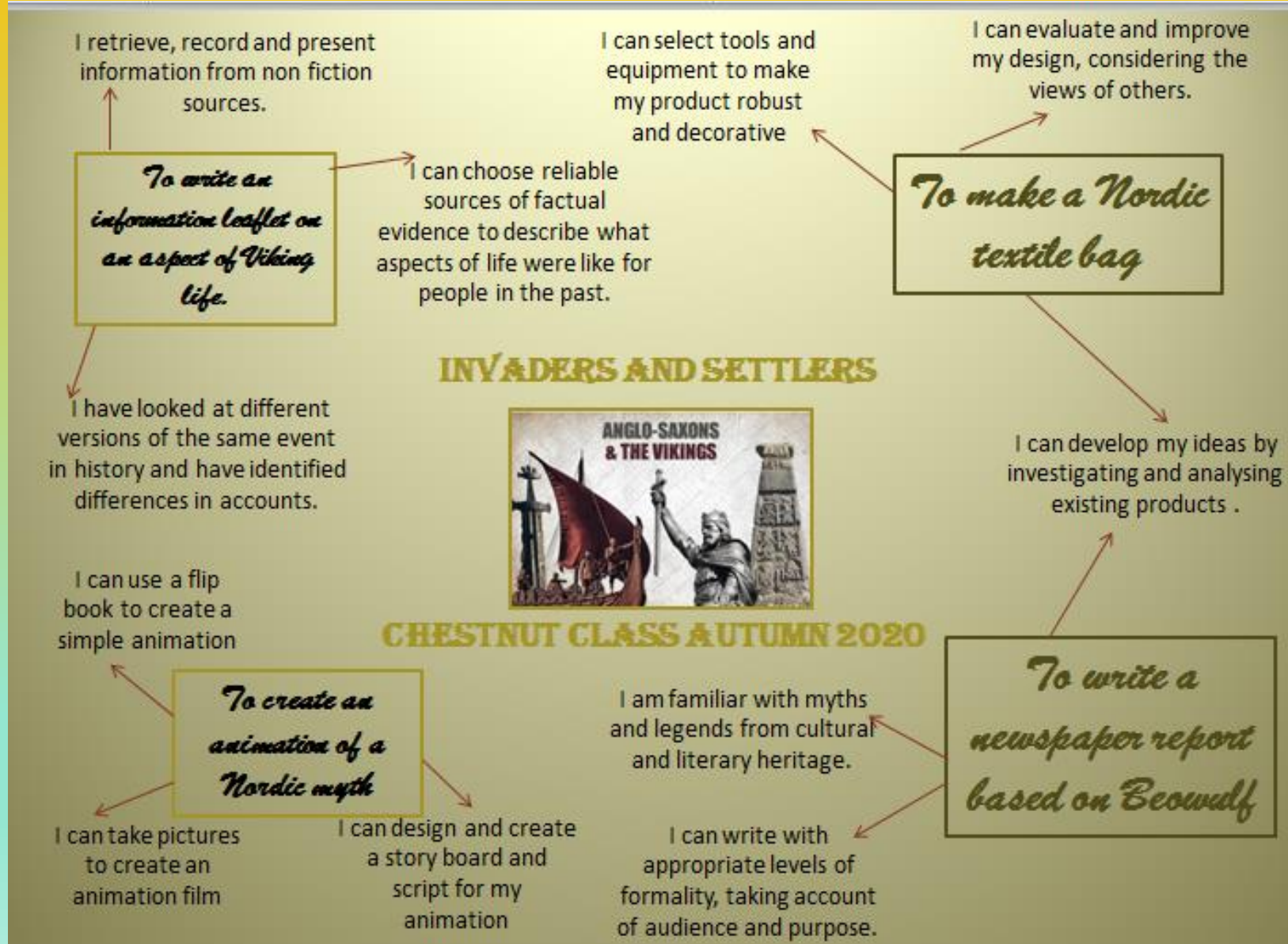
The children in Chestnut Class are made up of all of the year 5 children and the oldest year 4 children.

They receive a broad and balanced curriculum based upon year group objectives from the National Curriculum.

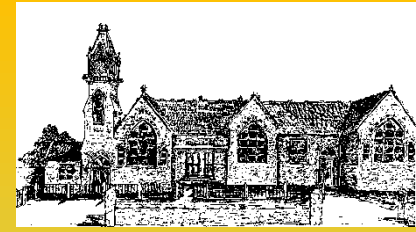
We have a rolling curriculum programme which means that no topic is repeated in any two year cycle. Some key skills may be repeated to ensure that children are secure on the basics.

The children who were in Chestnut Class last academic year as year 4s are now a year 5 in Chestnut Class with a different curriculum and expectations.

This term's topic and key outcomes



Timetables



P.E. is usually on a Monday and a Friday but the days are weather dependent. Please can your child have trainers/daps in school for the week. A full PE kit is not yet required.

New spellings will be given out each Wednesday and the spelling test will be on Tuesdays.

Home learning will usually be set on a Wednesday to be handed in on the following Tuesday. This may occasionally change if, for example, a project homework is set.

School Rules



1. Follow instructions
2. Look after each other
3. Look after our environment
4. Share
5. Be polite
6. Walk around the school
7. Have fun



Class Rules



We agree to keep the class rules and to:

Treat each other as we expect to be treated.

Help and support each other.

Persevere and believe in ourselves to achieve the impossible!

Enjoy our learning



Extra Coronavirus Rules



- Follow our school rules
- Say goodbye to the adult bringing you to school at the rec. gate.
- Wash your hands as soon as you come into school, before you eat, after playtime and before you use equipment that other people will touch.
- Stay in your bubble at all times.
- Stay in your place in the classroom unless you are told you can move
- Only bring the things you need for the day to school e.g. water bottle and lunch
- Use the outside doors to the classrooms as much as possible and avoid using the corridors
- Only one person can go into any of the toilets at a time and only one person may queue outside of the toilet
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue ('catch it, bin it, kill it') and then wash your hands
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes with hands
- Tell an adult if you don't feel well.
- Bring a water bottle to school and only eat and drink your food
- Play in the area you have been told to play in. Do not mix with anyone from another bubble.
- When you are not in school make sure that you complete your home learning

Reading



Please can your child have their reading book with them every day as we will read in class daily. We have a good selection of books in class which they can borrow (please can they be returned when finished!) or they are more than welcome to bring in a reading book from home.

A really important way in which you can help is to listen to your child read aloud regularly, even though it is likely that they are now accurate and fluent. Discussing character motives, plot, historical contexts, settings etc. really helps develop comprehension skills.

Some children are reluctant readers; please do get in touch if you would like some tips on how to overcome this.

Home learning



Home learning will be set weekly and will consist of either maths or English, though from time to time we will set a 'making' or research project. You will find a copy of the home work policy on the school website

In addition to this, children need to read regularly at home, practise their spellings and practise their recall of times tables and basic number facts – doubling/halving etc.

The children will have a reading diary to record their weekly reading. We will encourage the children to respond to one of the questions at the front of the diary once a week. Do let us know if the responding is becoming a barrier to reading for pleasure.

Getting in touch



Please do get in touch with the class teachers if there is anything that you are unsure about or if there is anything you or your child are worried about. Please do not let a worry turn into a problem. We are available to give you a ring most days after school; the exception to this is a Wednesday which is our staff meeting day.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Phillips and Mrs Stevenson

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