



# Ipplepen Primary School & Saplings Pre-School

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## Chestnut Class Reception Parent Letter Spring Term

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

It has been lovely welcoming everyone back from the festive break and hearing all of the wonderful memories that you have made.

The children have returned to school well rested and ready for a new and exciting term in Chestnut Class. This term, the children will be exploring the journeys that their stories take them on, with a particular focus on Julia Donaldson books. They will dive straight into their learning by travelling under sea, through space and in and out of different countries!

We have some exciting trips and experiences planned to fully immerse and excite the children into their learning which we will share with you in due course.

In this letter, you will find some useful information about Chestnut Class and what your child will need to bring to school with them daily. Please note that this term we have an additional PE session on a Thursday.

### **School Day**

Timings – Gates open at 8.45am, registers at 8.55am.

End of school day, gates open 3.15pm, end of day 3.20pm.

### **Uniform and belongings**

Please make sure that your child's belongings are clearly labelled and that they know what belongs to them. Your child will need a coat each day and water bottle with water only. A spare change of clothes can be brought into school to stay on your child's peg.

We also have a welly rack if you wish to keep wellies in school for rainy days.

### **Snacks and Drinks**

A daily fruit snack is provided for all children in Reception.

If your child wishes to bring in a snack, please ensure that they are healthy snacks of fruit and vegetables only. Thank you.

Milk is provided for those who have signed up. If your child would like milk, please contact the office for more information.





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**Curriculum** – Please see the attached overview for a deeper insight into what we will be learning in Chestnut Class.

### **Phonics and Reading**

The children will continue their daily Bug Club phonics lessons where they will continue to learn Phase 2 and 3 sounds. They will continue to bring home a phonics reading book. Please encourage them to read these at least three times a week to help them build fluency.

### **Reading for Pleasure**

We are very passionate about reading for pleasure and have a range of exciting clubs and activities that will help to develop your child's love for reading. The children will continue to bring home a reading for pleasure book to share with you. Alongside this, this term, the children will have the opportunity to complete the 'Author Island' challenges. We will share more information on this in the next few weeks.

### **PE**

Our PE days will be a Tuesday and Thursday. On these days, we ask that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit. They will not need to change into school uniform on PE days. As we approach colder weather, your child can wear black tracksuit bottoms and their school jumper. If your child is unable to tie up lace trainers, please try to avoid these as it can be rather challenging tying a class full of shoes.

### **Outdoor Learning**

Our outdoor learning time will be on a Friday. This will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to take their learning outside of the classroom, engage in Forest School activities and go on wet welly walks!

Please can you send your child into school with wellies/old shoes that you do not mind getting muddy. These can be kept in school- ready for each session.

### **Homework Challenges**

Over the course of the year, your child may come home with homework. Our homework challenges are intended to be fun and practical and a way to further develop/ consolidate learning that we have done in school. Occasionally, homework challenges may be related to our topic.

### **End of day collection**

At the end of the day, safety is our priority. It is important for you to inform us of any changes to who is collecting your child.





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### **Tapestry and our class blog**

You will continue to have access to your child's Tapestry Learning Journey during their time in Chestnut Class. Here you will be able to see their 'Wow Moments' and get an idea of what we get up to each week. At Ipplepen Primary School, each class has their own class blog on the school website. Each week you can check the blog to see more of what we have been doing.

Here's to a fun and exciting Spring term at Ipplepen Primary School!

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Pook

