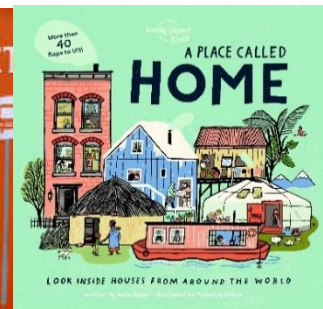
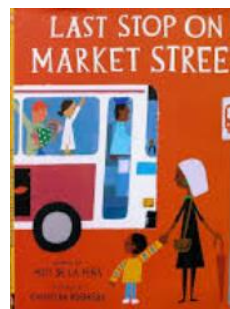
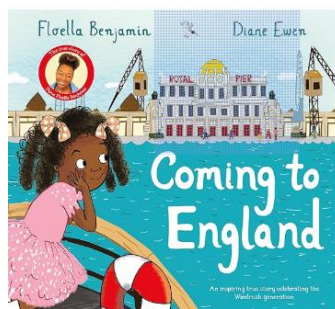
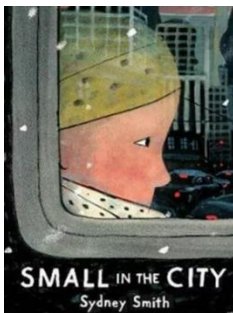


Home and Away Newsletter Term 3 2025

Dear Chestnuts' class,

Welcome back, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready to start term 3. A big thank you from all of Chestnuts' staff for the cards and gifts we received. This term we will be starting our new topic 'Home and Away'. We will begin the term looking at countries and cities in the UK and then begin to spread our wings further afield, looking at other parts of the world.

Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:



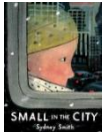

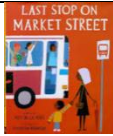
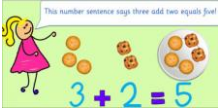
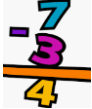














Questions to ask at home:

- Have you been to any cities? What are they like?
- How are cities different to the towns and villages that we live in?
- What is the difference between a country and a continent?
- What is the weather like today?
- What are your dreams for the future?

The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be learning about and some of the work we will be doing in teacher-focussed activities and group work. We are also placing an emphasis on continuing to learn times tables through maths sessions and at home.

Learning Map Term 3 2025

What are we learning this term?

Literacy	 Diaries	 Non Chronological report	 Recount Writing
Maths	Addition 	Subtraction 	Multiplication and division 
Science	Seasons and how they change. 		
Geography	Weather 	Continents & Countries 	Cities and Human Geography 
Music	Listening 	Appraisal 	Improvising composing
ICT	E-Safety 	Grouping and Sorting 	Purple Mash 
PSHE	Dreams and Goals 		
DT	Painting Landscapes 		
RE	Who do Christians say made the world? 		

Home Learning

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week , even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please acknowledge you have read by <u>recording this on Boom Reader.</u> During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they are reading. They will come home with a new reading book every Friday and can also bring a library book home if they wish!
Phonics Year 1	Each week a phonics home learning sheet will come home. This will show you the learning we will be covering in the week. Your child could read this as part of their weekly reading.
Maths	Continue to learn number facts; the children are good at the additions now, but need to apply it to subtraction. i.e. if $3+2=5$ then $5-3=2$
Spelling patterns in school	Our spelling focuses this term will be: We learn these at school and will be sharing these with you each term if you would like to reinforce these patterns with your child at home.

Useful Websites to support learning

www.phonicsplay.co.uk - phonics and spelling games

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps> - find different cities around the world

Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **named water bottle (filled with fresh water) and their reading folder** every day.
- Our PE days are **Mondays and Fridays**. Please ensure your child is wearing their kit on these days.

Thanks for your continued support!

The Chestnut Team