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**CHESNUT LODGE SCHOOL**

*School Newsletter*

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| Cartoon Elf Images, Stock Photos & Vectors | Shutterstock  This year, our chosen fund raising day is going to be ‘Elf Day’ on Friday 4th December 2020 in aid of the Alzheimer’s Society.  All staff and students are invited to attend school on that day in elf costumes or wearing elf accessories and are asked to bring in a £1 donation. | |
| Secondary 1  In S1 this half term our topic has been Superheroes. We designed our very own superhero masks and predicted what material we would need to see through the mask. Well done Brandon for correctly predicting that plastic would be the best for our masks. We also had a great time looking at suitable materials for a superhero’s tights, cape and gloves. This involved a lot of water being sprayed in Jane’s direction, well we really did need to check out what material would be waterproof for a cape. ☺. We have also read Supertato as part of our topic and yes you may have guessed the story is all about a potato dressed as a superhero the bad guys are the evil peas☺. We had a really good time making up our very own Supertato story, in our story the evil peas escaped and attended an Ariana Grande concert! We filmed our story and added sound effects, the video can be seen on Seesaw. We have also worked hard on our maths especially counting on and working on one more and one less. We have all worked hard this half term and are looking forward to a nice break with our families. Keep safe.  IMG_2666Supertato - Two Week Plan and Resources | Teaching Resources  Bye for now S1 | *Primary 2*  *WOW!!!!*  *We have all settled back into school and into our class routine, and it is lovely to see all the children so happy again.*  *Our topic this term has been Mythical Creatures and what a half term we have had!*  *First we went on a journey under the sea to learn all about mermaids. Next we travelled to Scotland where we ate haggis and dressed up in tartan all to look for a monster in a lake called LOCH NESS. Do you think he is real? Parker does. We made unicorns in art and decorated ice cream cones in cooking and the best bit was eating them. Our next journey took us to a castle where we learnt about a dragon called ZOG. BE VERY CAREFUL IF YOU COME INTO OUR CLASS AS WE HAVE DRAGON EGGS!!!The next adventure took us into the woods on a fairy hunt. We got dressed in our fairy costumes and crept outside to see if we could see any. Emily and Grace definitely think they spotted one so if you go into the woods see if you can find fairies like we did.* |
| Secondary 4  It was so lovely to welcome back into school all the pupils from Secondary 4. It was also very exciting because we had a brand new classroom to use.  We welcomed four new members to our class that have moved up from year 9 to 10 and they soon settled into their new class along with their new class mates.  During this half term we have been working on some lovely projects and topics. In Literacy we have been working on adjectives, similes and personification as well as descriptive story writing and have completed a piece of work about a Haunted House and produced some lovely art work to go with it which are on display in our new class. The pupils have worked really hard and are very proud of the work they have produced. We have also focussed a lot on developing phonics, handwriting and reading.  In Maths we have done lots of work on number such as number patterns, odds and evens, greater than and less than.  The science topic for this half term has been about exploring everyday materials and their properties. The pupils have learnt why materials are useful and that they are used for a particular purpose.  In history the pupils have enjoyed learning about Crime and Punishment in the Middle Ages. They learnt about ducking stools, stocks and the rack, the more gruesome the punishment the more they liked it.  Art has seen the pupils learn about the work of the artist Andy Goldsworthy and how he produced art by exploring his environment. The pupils went out in our woods to collect things from nature to produce a lovely sample of art work. At the moment they are learning about LS Lowry and his drawing and paintings of Manchester. We are hoping in the future to be able to go on a trip to the Lowry museum.  One of the main things we have focussed on throughout the half term in PHSE is mental health. We have talked a lot to the pupils about how they felt during the lockdown and how they feel now. We have talked about negative and positive thinking, we have shared our thoughts, hopes and fears. We do meditation a couple of times a week and the pupils really have embraced it. It’s been a great start to the school year. | |

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| Foundation Stage  It was lovely to see all the children coming back into school, they settled in really well.  We've been very busy this half term. Our topic has been ‘Who lives in a house like this?’ We have shared photographs with each other that were sent from home. We have been concentrating on Autumn, going for walks in the woods, collecting leaves and sticks which were used for making a collage and printing leaves, and making hand prints for our Autumn display. We have explored different coloured weeks and have explored our numbers through rhymes and practicing our counting. We are looking forward to another happy and busy half term, next we will be exploring animals and their habitats. | Secondary 3  Well what an unusual start to the new school year this has been. Our students have had to become accustomed to being in a "bubble", constant handwashing and trying to maintain social distancing!  They have been amazing and we are all extremely proud of them.  Our theme this half term, rather aptly, has been  "Superheroes."  The class have written fantastic Superhero stories using the "mountain" format which involves a setting followed by a build-up leading to a dilemma and finishing with a resolution. Their vivid imaginations and use of descriptive vocabulary has been impressive. They have also built individual mini film sets and filmed each other acting out scenes from their stories.  Enjoy the half term break and stay safe  🌈 |
| Anti-Bullying Week 2020 Odd Socks | creativeliz  The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is: United Against Bullying.  Anti-Bullying Week will happen from Monday 16th - Friday 20th November and we will start our continued campaign to raise awareness by taking part in "Odd Socks Day" to mark the first day of Anti-Bullying week. Please join us by wearing odd  socks on the 16th of November. |
| Primary 3  During our first half term in Primary 3 we have been learning all about World War 1. We have learnt about evacuation, the different roles men and women had during the war and life in the trenches. We have incorporated it into most of our lessons from writing our own evacuation tags and letters to our loved ones, to making our own helmets and trenches. In science we have been exploring ‘states of matter’ and how they can be changed, which we have explored in different experiments and in our food technology lessons. | **Lynn’s Choice**  Now that we have waved a fond farewell to Jean, Lynn has suggested this healthy recipe for you to try…  **INGREDIENTS Pumpkin soup**  Pumpkin Soup  1 tbsp of oil or olive oil  1 large onion, chopped  1 (1.8kg.) pumpkin  4 cloves garlic, crushed  1 chicken or vegetable stock  Pinch of salt  Freshly ground black pepper  120 ml double cream, plus more for garnish (optional)  **DIRECTIONS**  In a heavy soup pot or casserole dish over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and garlic and cook until golden.   1. Meanwhile, halve, peel, and scrape out seeds of the pumpkin. Cut into chunks. 2. Add pumpkin chunks and stock to pot. Season with salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, uncovered, then reduce heat to a simmer. Simmer until pumpkin is fork-tender, about 30 minutes. 3. Remove pot from heat and blend mixture until smooth. Stir in cream and season to taste. 4. To serve, ladle soup into bowls, add a swirl of cream, and garnish with pepper.   Row of pumpkinsLet us know how you get on! |
| Sensory Base  This half term our topic was Superheroes. We had a sensory story about Supertato. We then did vegetable and fruit printing. On our Autumnal walks we collected leaves and made wreaths. In maths we did number recognition as well as switch work. We enjoyed a sensory session with pumpkins. Our class also enjoyed sessions in the light room. Some children had a turn on the new side ly-on and they also went in their standing frames and worked on their MOVE targets.  All the children have come back to school happily. Have a lovely half term.  Charlotte, Janet and Sarah. |
| **Dates for your diary**  ***Monday 2nd November 2020***  Students return to school  8.45am  ***Tuesday 10th November 2020***  Flu immunisations for reception up to Year 7  (please make sure that you have returned your form)  ***Monday 16th November 2020***  Staff and students are invited to wear odd socks to raise awareness of Anti Bullying  ***Friday 4th December 2020***  Elf Day  (All students and staff invited to wear their elf costumes / accessories and make a donation to Alzheimer’s Society)  Cartoon Elf Images, Stock Photos & Vectors | Shutterstock  ***Tuesday 15th December 2020***  Christmas Parties in school  (Students are allowed to wear their party outfits all day)  ***Wednesday 16th December 2020***  Christmas Dinner for students and staff  ***Thursday 17th December 2020***  Last day in school before Christmas  ***Monday 4th January 2021***  Students return to school  8.45am |
| **Primary 1**  **C:\Users\sheridanj\Desktop\images.jpgHello everyone, it’s so lovely to have the children back at school and eager to learn. They have settled well into their new class. This half term in Primary 1 we have been busy exploring all the colours of the rainbow. We have shown off our culinary skills with a multitude of colourful creations and nurtured young budding artists in creating their very own colourful masterpieces. In Science we have been experimenting with colour mixing, learning about shapes in Maths and developing our language skills through storytelling.**  **Our Autumn 2 topic is ‘Follow the Yellow Brick Road’ and we look forward to being transported to the Emerald City and finding out that ‘There’s no place like home**.’ | |
| Secondary 2  During our first half term, Secondary 2 have really enjoyed being back at school and we are so proud of how well everyone has settled into our new daily routine.  Our topic has been superheroes, we worked hard to design and make our own superhero capes (see below), backgrounds and we even wrote our own superhero stories. We used all of our creations to make short films using the green screen, as you can imagine we had lots of fun making these.  C:\Users\scottl\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_1364.jpgC:\Users\scottl\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_1357.jpgC:\Users\scottl\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_1358.jpgC:\Users\scottl\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_1359.jpgC:\Users\scottl\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_1361.jpgC:\Users\scottl\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_1360.jpgC:\Users\scottl\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_1362.jpgC:\Users\scottl\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_1363.jpgIn Autumn 2 our topic will be ‘Party’, we have lots of great activities planned which will included making our own invitations and party food. | |