

Chestnut Class Spring Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that the Spring term's topic web and newsletter are now available on the Year 3 page of the school website. We encourage you to review these resources to stay updated on our curriculum and activities for the term.

In terms of spelling, following the latest research on effective teaching methods, we will not be sending traditional word lists home for tests. However, we recognise the significant benefits of practising spelling at home. To support this, we have provided a grid of spelling activities, similar to our 'Race for Recall' initiative, which children can engage in to enhance their spelling skills. The Year 3 spelling grid can be accessed on our Class Page.

Regarding reading, please note that we change reading books on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is essential that your child brings their Reading Record to class each day. For homework, children will have the opportunity to select from a variety of activities, ideally one from each category. Homework will be issued on Thursdays and should be returned by the following Tuesday.

Physical Education lessons are on Wednesdays (indoor) and Thursdays (outdoor). We kindly ask that you ensure your child has the appropriate kit for outdoor PE each week. The required kit includes:

- Red polo shirt or t-shirt
- Black shorts (and **black tracksuit bottoms** for colder weather)
- Plimsolls or trainers with non-marking soles (trainers are preferred as pupils engage in a wider range of sports)
- A named P.E. bag

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to speak to me before school for quick inquiries or at the end of the day. Alternatively, you may email me at chestnut@bentfield.essex.sch.uk, and I will respond within 48 hours.

I would like to extend a special thank you from all the staff in Chestnut Class for your thoughtful Christmas gifts and treats. We appreciate your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Turner
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