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Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello! I am Miss Pendle and I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know all of you this year. It has been a lovely start to the term in Chestnut class this week! We have been discussing and writing all about our summer holidays, practising our maths skills and working together to learn how to manage our emotions as we return to school. We also had a lovely afternoon in the sunshine at beach school. In this letter, I will outline what we will be learning this term, homework expectations and any key information for the term.

As we settle into this new academic year, could I remind you that children should be reading at home daily. Further information regarding when we are changing the books and how to support with reading will be sent out to you soon. Spellings will be sent out every Friday to be practised at home and are to be returned on the following Thursday. Children are also expected to complete 10 minutes on times table rockstars and/or numbots. We will also have opportunities to practise spellings and times tables at school.

The children have been enjoying the desks in chestnut class, and can I gently remind everyone that toys are not allowed in school. All stationery equipment is provided, and I understand that children may want to keep home items in their desks but there is no requirement to do this and I encourage that these items stay in the children's bags in order to keep them safe. Bags for school only need to carry a reading book and reading record as well as a named water bottle. Packed lunch boxes should also be named. I do ask that, if possible, the children are provided with outside shoes or old trainers so that they can join in with the Bawdsey bolt and break times on the field. Children also need to bring a hat to school in order to be protect them from the sun at break and lunchtimes and have sun cream applied at home before them come into school each day.

This term, Chestnut class will be going to beach school every Wednesday afternoon. Children are required to bring wellies or old trainers to go to the beach. They can also bring a change of clothes if they wish. I would like to remind you to include spare socks within the shoes just in case our socks get wet. If any parent/ carer could volunteer to come with us we would appreciate the help!

We will be focusing on reading skills, with daily home reading supporting our reading in class. We will be reading many texts together including "The spider and the fly" by Mary Howitt and Tony DiTerlizzi and "There's a rang-tan in my bedroom" by James Sellick. We will also be exploring different texts in English including "Cave baby" by Julia Donaldson and Emily Gravett as well as "The naughty bus" by Jan and Jerry Oke. We will be looking at vocabulary, as well as comprehension, writing letters, diaries, and retelling known and writing our own stories.

In Maths, we will be focusing on place value including recognising tens and ones and identify more than and less than. We will also be improving our reasoning and problem-solving skills, focusing on explaining why and how things work. We will also be looking at addition and subtraction and shape. Times tables will focus on quick recall which helps our mathematical fluency. Year 1 focusing on the 5 x tables and Year 2 focusing on the 2 x tables. In Science, we will be exploring the parts of the body including completing experiments that test our 5 senses. In History, we will be looking at how we are making history and the lives

of children in the past. In Geography, we will be exploring our coast. In computing, we will be exploring the technology that is all around us and how it works.

In PE, we will be improving our running and dodging skills with Xtratime sports instructors as well as team building skills. PE days are on Tuesday and Fridays. Children are to wear their PE kits to school on these days.

It's going to be a very busy term in Chestnut class but it will also be a lot of fun! If you have any queries, I am always here to help so please don't hesitate to ask.

Miss Pendle