

Chestnut Class!



Autumn 1

Well done Chestnut Class for completing your first week in school!

We have loved getting to know you all this week and finding out your favourite toys to play with.

The next few weeks will be a busy time in Chestnut Class. We will be getting to know each other, establishing routines and becoming familiar with the behaviour expectations within school. Please do not worry if your child comes home extremely tired as this is an exciting and busy time for them. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Reading

Please make sure that you are reading on a daily basis at home with your child. We ask that you read for 10 minutes each day.

By reading with your child regularly, it will develop their love of reading, speech and language, imagination and writing development.

A little reminder

Please make sure your child brings their book bag (no rucksacks) coat and school water bottle to school every day. We go outside in all types of weather and need the children to be warm and dry.



Becoming independent

We know it is a scary step to see your child go to school however; we want to ensure the children become independent learners in all areas of the EYFS Curriculum. These are some tips to support your child with this:

- Dressing/ undressing independently including coats and shoes (Slightly bigger sizes, larger buttons and velcro help with this)
- Encourage the use of cutlery for eating and cutting food at home.
- Drinking from a cup rather than a bottle/Sippy cup or stop using a dummy (This enhances speech and language development)
- Encourage creativity, hopping and skipping (To develop large and smaller movements.)

Our topic this half term is: Marvellous Me!



Listening, Attention and Understanding

This half term we will be developing our listening, attention and understanding by:

- Singing lots of Nursery Rhymes.
- Listening to stories.
- Playing games such as Simon Says.
- Speaking in a small group.



Personal, Social Emotional

This half term we will be developing our personal, social, emotional skills by:

- Learning new routines and expectations.
- Discussing our family lives.
- Talking about how we show feelings.



Reading and Writing

This half term we will be developing our reading and writing skills by:

- Telling a story using the pictures.
- Joining in with familiar stories and rhymes.
- Talking about what is happening in pictures.
- Mark making.
- Writing my name



Physical

This half term we will be developing our physical skills by:

- To hold a pencil.
- Moving in a range of ways.
- Negotiating the space around us.
- Using scissors.



Mathematics

This half term we will be developing our Maths skills by:

- Singing number rhymes.
- Recognising some numerals to 5.
- Counting objects to 5.

Expressive Arts

This half term we will be developing our creative skills by:

- Playing musical instruments and moving in time to music.
- Exploring with colour.
- Making our own houses out of junk modelling and collage resources around the classroom.