

### Things to do at home:

- \* Read and listen to stories! You can read your reading book, library book, stories from home, non-fiction books or magazines.
- \* Sing nursery rhymes and songs. We would love to see a recording of you singing on Class Dojo!
- \* Strengthen your fingers ready for writing by using playdough, zipping up your coat and using tweezers to pick things up!
- \* See if you can recognise your name. If you're in Reception—see if you can write your name!
- \* Try and put your coat on and get dressed for school by yourself. Look outside, do you think you will need a coat? Tell your grown up why!

### Notices

- \* PE is on a **Tuesday**, please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit.
- \* Homework will be given to Reception children **every Friday**. Please return homework by **Thursday**.
- \* Reading Records will be taken in and checked **every Thursday** by a member of staff. Your child will also receive reading comments throughout the week when they are heard read. Please bring in reading and library books to school every day. They will be taken in on a **Thursday** and new books will be given out on a **Friday**.
- \* Please ensure you have sent in a spare pair of clothes for your child (including underwear) in case of any accidents.
- \* As the Early Years curriculum involves access to the indoor and outdoor environment, please ensure your child has a named pair of wellies and puddle suit in school.
- \* Remember to fill out a 'Proud Cloud' (see Miss Floyd or Mrs Griffiths) to celebrate out-of-school achievements

Welcome to

## Chestnut Class



Curriculum  
Newsletter

Autumn Term 1  
2021

This half term, we will be answering the question:

I wonder... *what is special?*

In Chestnut Class, we will be thinking about things that are special to us and talking about our similarities and differences.

We will be investigating and exploring what we look like, our families, where we live, our likes and dislikes, our talents and achievements and more!

As lots of us are new to school, we will be thinking about how we can share, take turns and make friends at school.



Our Christian Value for September is:

**Friendship**

And for October it is:

**Thankfulness**

We will be learning through the seven areas of our Early Years curriculum. Here are some examples of the exciting things that we will be doing! Activities are subject to adaptation, led by the children's interests.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

- \* Learning to take turns and share
- \* Exploring the qualities of a good friend
- \* Creating and following our class rules
- \* Expressing our emotions

### **Communication and Language**

- \* Home corner role-play
- \* Listening and paying attention to stories
- \* Talking about ourselves and others
- \* Sharing our achievements from home and school

### **Physical Development**

- \* Making our fingers strong ready for writing
- \* Using tweezers, screws and bead strings
- \* Running, jumping, throwing and catching
- \* Dance and movement games

### **Literacy**

- \* Listening walks
- \* Reading and writing our name
- \* Listening to and reading a range of texts, both fiction and non-fiction

### **Mathematics**

- \* Counting songs and stories
- \* Exploring numbers to 5 and beyond!
- \* Sorting exciting objects into groups
- \* Comparing quantities

### **Understanding The World**

- \* Talking about how we are similar and different to our friends and family
- \* Talking about things we like and dislike
- \* Using a camera to take photos of work we are proud of

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

- \* Self-portraits
- \* Exploring different materials
- \* Exploring the sound of different instruments