

Chestnut Group Update

Dear Parent,

We hope you have had a good Holiday. Just a little update of what we are going to be doing.

Our topic this term is Countries around the world.

What we will do in school...

What you could do together at home...

Food technology

We will be working in small groups to take turns, following instructions to make different food items.

Encourage your child to join in cooking activities with you, get them to stir mixtures, spreading butter on bread and pouring drinks into cups.

Topic

We will focus on different countries across the world. We will look at the temperature of the country and the people and animals that live in that country.

Talk about the weather outside.

When dressing or going out, talk about why you may need a jumper or a coat or why you may need a hat and gloves.

When out and about identify different animals, such as a dog you see walking past.

Literacy

We will be reading different fiction based in the countries we are focusing on or about the animals found in those countries.

We will be matching pictures and symbols from the story.

Share books at home with your children.

Encourage them to point to different items on the page. Can they identify different animals or objects in the pictures?

Art

We are following instructions to make different crafts based on the countries we are focusing on in topic.

We will explore different materials.

Encourage your child to explore different materials. Take note of textures that they do like and also textures that they don't like.

PSHE

We will focus on turn taking during our community visits to parks.

We will also focus on healthy eating and try different healthy foods.

Encourage turn taking and sharing at home.

Talk about what is healthy at home. Encourage your child to have a healthy snack during the day.

Maths

We are focusing on shape this term. We will explore different 2D shapes, matching, identifying and sorting them.

Look at different shapes with your children. Tell them what the shapes are.

When out and about show them different shapes on everyday objects.



Swimming - every Thursday

Chestnut Group will be going swimming at Woughton Pool on Thursdays. Please send your child into school every Thursday with:

- a swimming costume/trunks
- a towel
- soap for washing themselves and moisturising if needed
- in a bag that is large enough for them to put all their clothes into.



Community outing - every Friday

Please could you send your child in with wellies every Friday as we will be visiting a park each week. We aim to develop the children's independent and turn taking skills. We will also be encouraging them to make communication requests to staff, such as indicating they want pushing on the roundabout.

Spare Clothes

Your child will have opportunities to engage in sensory activities including messy play with water, sand, paint, etc. Although the children are encouraged to wear aprons, accidents do happen! Please send a spare set of clothes for your child in case they should need to change.



Home-School Book

We will try to write in the home-school book every day to let you know what your child has been doing, what they have eaten, how they have been, and anything else we think you would like to hear about their day. We will also put important letters in the book. **Please read the book every day.**

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have. If your child has missed breakfast, or had a bad night's sleep - please let us know so that we can care for them accordingly (breakfast can be arranged if needed).

Thank you for taking the time to read this, if you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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