

Chestnut Group

Dear Parents our topic this term is All About Me

What we will do in school...

What you could do together at home...

Literacy

We will be reading books by Julia Donaldson such as the Gruffalo, Room on the Broom and Monkey Puzzle.

Read these books with your child. They are wonderfully illustrated, complete with rhyme and repetition. You could also watch the animated versions on YouTube.

Maths

We will be focusing on number recognition, shapes and length through a range of matching, sorting and ordering activities.

Sing familiar number songs such as 5 little ducks, using your fingers to indicate each number. Encourage your child to practice sorting big and small spoons and make pairs of socks.

Topic

We will be finding out about our likes and dislikes with regards to our taste buds! We will try a range of sweet, sour and salty foods and communicate how they make us feel. We will also label parts of our body.

Sing Head, shoulders knees and toes and encourage your child to label parts of their body e.g. 'touch head'.

Art/DT

We will practice our mark making skills using a range of materials.

Encourage your child to make marks using coloured pencils, felt pens, paint and chalk.

ICT

We will be using SEN switcher, a programme which uses cause and effect, switch building, timed activation, targeting and row scanning.

You can access SEN Switcher online using the following link.
<http://www.northerngrid.org/content/senswitcher/index.htm>

PSHE

We will begin to recognise the adults and children in our class and play turn-taking activities during circle time.

Encourage your child to get dressed and undressed independently, especially with putting their socks and shoes on.

PE

We will continue accessing the sensory circuit on a daily basis.

Talk your child for a walk on a regular basis and to the local park. Encourage them to use the playground equipment independently.



Swimming

Chestnut Group is sharing swimming sessions with Ash Group this year and we will be swimming on alternate half terms. This half term we will not be swimming, instead we have an extra session in the hall for P.E. After half term we will be swimming on Monday mornings.



PE - every Thursday and Friday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts and T-shirt) in a bag to keep in school. We will send it home every half-term for you to wash.

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.

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

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And the Chestnut Team - *Sam, Shani, Stacey, Kaysha and Kerry.*