

Chestnut Group

Dear Parents our topic this term is ANIMALS

What we will do in school...

What you could do together at home...

Literacy

We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books about animals and their habitats.

Please look at non-fiction books about farm and zoo animals and encourage your child to label what they can see.

Maths

We will be exploring money in terms of coin recognition. We will have lots of practice exchanging a coin for goods from our class shop.

Encourage your child to sort coins by shape, colour and size. Take your child to the local shop and encourage them to choose an item of their choice and exchange for a £1 coin.

Topic

We will be finding out about farm and zoo animals as well as creatures that live in the sea. We have already visited Mead Open Farm and look forward to our annual trip to Whipsnade zoo. We will also visit Frosts to see some fish!

Play a sound lotto game, identifying which animals are making the sounds. You could visit *Pets At Home* to see some real pet animals. You could also sing animal songs e.g. Old McDonald had a farm ...

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.

PSHE

We will focus on labelling emotions using symbols and model facial expressions to support children's understanding.

We will teach them appropriate strategies to regulate their emotions based on what their preferences are. For example space, tickles, going to the playground or sensory garden and ensure that each child has regular opportunities to take part in these activities throughout the School day.

Label how your child is feeling and encourage them to regulate their emotions. For example if your child is happy say "... is happy" "... wants tickles" and then tickle them.



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, Justyna, Kaysha, Jake and Toni*

