

## Chestnut Group

Dear Parents our topic this term is LAND SEA & AIR

What we will do in school...

What you could do together at home...

### Literacy

We will be reading a range of non-fiction books about pets. The children will be encouraged to make statements of what they can see using SVAOs e.g. the 'dog sleeping under bed'.

Please look at non-fiction books about pets and other animals and encourage your child to communicate what they can see.

### Maths

We will be using Numicon shapes for matching, sorting, creating pictures, ordering numbers, working out 1 more and 1 less as well as additions to 10.

Encourage your child to partake in counting, matching and sorting activities e.g. count together as your child goes up and down stairs, sort socks etc.

### Topic

We will be finding out about farm and zoo animals as well as creatures that live in the sea. We are also looking forward to our annual trip to Whipsnade zoo.

After half term, we will learn about land, sea and air transportation.

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 create art work related to land, sea and air animals and transport using a range of materials and techniques.

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 will continue to have a weekly swimming session on Mondays. Please ensure children bring their swimming kits.

PE -

Please send a PE kit (any in school. We will send it



every Thursday

comfortable shorts and T-shirt) in a bag to keep 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 - Sarah, Jo, Amy, Tor and Iddris*