

Core signs for our topic this term.



Our topic this term is 'Escape to the Country', here are some related signs for you to practice.

woods



farm



bumpy



rough



smooth



leaf



stick



Don't forget to say the words as you sign!



Chestnut
Class
Key stage
1 & 2
Information
for parents/
carers, Term 1
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Regular events:

PE Enrichment will be every Tuesday afternoon and will be Soft Play.
Swimming will take place every Monday Morning. Please make sure pupils bring in their swim kits and swim pads for this day and label everything.
PE will be every Wednesday morning.

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'Escape to the
Country'

General Information:

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the summer holidays and had a lovely break. We are looking forward to lots of activities linked to our new topic 'Escape to the Country'. Please ensure your child has a spare set of clothes. We love all play in Chestnut including messy, sensory and water play and it quite often shows on our clothes! Please ensure all belongings have your child's name inside.

Homework and contact:

These newsletters are released termly and have helpful information about our learning in school.

Please share books with your child every day. Please support our use of PECs and/or communication boards by practicing at home as often as possible.

The Home/School Journals are in place for us both to write in so we can keep each other up to date about your child.

If you have any questions please contact the school office or speak to one of the team when dropping off or picking up.

Ideas for home:

- Go for a woodland walk for a sensory experience.
- Visit a farm or petting zoo.
- Explore nature near your home, collect leaves, sticks and plenty of messy mud for sensory play.



<p>Foundations for Literacy</p> <p>During our Literacy focus sessions we will listen to stories about nature including lots of sensory touch and feel books. We will explore 'Garden Sounds' and 'Listen to the Countryside.' Towards the end of the term we will be exploring harvest and 'The Little Red Hen'.</p>	<p>Foundations for Maths:</p> <p>During our Maths focus sessions we will be exploring daily routines including night and day. We will do this by exploring light and dark and embedding our daily routines. We will also enjoy exploring counting rhymes as physical sensory stories such as 'Five Little Speckled Frogs.'</p>	<p>Understanding the world</p> <p>This term we will be exploring the natural world around us by using all of our senses. We will listen to sounds of the countryside as we explore the textures of different natural materials. We will be encouraged to track and reach for items we find exciting.</p>	<p>Fine Motor Skills</p> <p>In Chestnut Class this term we will have lots of opportunities to develop our fine motor skills by developing hand/eye co-ordination by picking up and manipulating sensory items using different tools.</p>
<p>Art/Design</p> <p>We will be exploring Art without regard to mess! We will be using our bodies to make marks with different media. We will be using natural resources to make marks and explore.</p>	<p>Fun With Foods</p> <p>Foods can cause anxieties for pupil with ASD. Chestnut Class will be following the 'Fun with Foods' programme to help develop your child's tolerance of different smells and textures.</p> <p>This term we will be working on dry, crispy and sticky foods trying to introduce a range of new textures.</p>	<p>Therapies</p> <p>Chestnut Class will be accessing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fun with food • Gong Therapy • Therapeutic Music • Brushing • Compressions • Sensory Circuits • SLIC support • OT support <p>As required following observations and Assessments by our therapists</p>	<p>PSHE (Personal, social and health education) and RSE</p> <p>This term Chestnut Class will be developing their social skills and their shared attention with peers. We will begin by learning to share the same space as our peers. We will also be learning our new routines.</p>
<p>Physical Education:</p> <p>PE will be on Wednesday mornings this term and swimming will be on Mondays. Our focus will be continuing water confidence, developing independence in the pool, floating safely on our backs like a log and putting our faces in the water.</p>	<p>Communication/Language</p> <p>Personalised Speech and Language targets will be created to enable early communication. These include initiation, nursery rhymes, Curiosity Programme, EHCP targets, 1-1 interventions, and Intensive Interaction.</p>	<p>PE Enrichment</p> <p>Pupils will have PE Enrichment on Tuesday afternoons and we will be developing confidence when rolling and climbing over soft play equipment.</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>Chestnut Class will continue to develop their listening and self regulation skills by taking part in 'Gong Therapy'. Pupils will be exploring Caribbean percussion instruments and developing their own musical targets within the topic. Pupils will also participate in Makaton singing and signing within all aspects of their curriculum this term.</p>