



Welcome to Chestnut Class!

TEACHER

MRS HOLLIDAY

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MRS THOMPSON

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Morning Routine

- Children have been coming into school so well and have settled into class. Thank you to parents for making this transition calm.
- As the children have settled so well, we would ask that children are now brought round to Garden House where I will be by the steps to meet them. Me and my team will then bring them into the classroom.
- Please make sure your child is at school by 8.55am. If you arrive after that, you will need to come in via the school office.
- We will then go into class where we will start the day with the register and telling us if they are having packed lunch or school lunch. If your child is school dinner can you please discuss with them in the morning what they would like for lunch (main meal, jacket potato or vegetarian). A rolling 3-week menu is available on the Nourish website.

Foundation Stage curriculum

- How the children have settled in so far – what have they been doing in class?
- We take our learning objectives from 'Development Matters'. There are seven areas of learning and we dedicate equal time to all of these areas through a mixture of adult led and independent activities. The children have access to both the indoor and outdoor areas. If you would like any more information please go to the Dfe website.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Communication and Language

Literacy

Maths

Physical

Understanding the World

Expressive arts and design

- Topics to be taught this term – Magical Me including 'people who help us'

Phonics and Reading



- We use the 'Read, write inc' phonics programme in school which teaches the children how to read and write. We have a daily 15 minute session where we teach the children one sound and then build up to them reading and writing two and three letter words. There will be a workshop for parents in the Autumn Term where you will learn more about the programme and how you can help your child at home. Date 17th October.
- We will be sending home a reading book once a week for you to share with your child. As soon as your child knows approximately half of the sounds taught in the phonics lessons we will then send home a reading book for your child to have a go at reading to you. Reading is a lovely time to share with your child where you can talk about the storyline, the characters and predict what might happen next.
- Please can you write a short comment in the yellow reading record book every time you hear your child read and the staff will do the same in school. Thank you.

Tapestry

- Tapestry is an online learning journal where we record all of your child's observations. Only you can see your child's page, no one else. You are also encouraged to add observations to your child's page, we love to see what your children do at home, it also helps me with my planning! Only the staff in Early Years can see these observations.
- Once we have your email address, you should be given a username and password to log into your child's Tapestry account. If you have any questions please see me after the meeting.

Forest School

- Forest school will take place in the summer for Chestnut Class.
- Half of the class will participate in the morning and the other half of the class in the afternoon.
- Dress code!

Reminders

- Please can you make sure you name all of your child's belongings.
- If you are late please can you report to the office and a member of staff will bring your child to class.
- From Monday, please use the main gate to bring your child into the school grounds, not the side nursery gate.
- Your child needs to bring into school a named water bottle. We provide fruit for the children in the morning. If you'd like to register for free milk (until 5th birthday), please do so via the coolmilk website.
- PE will mostly be on Wednesdays. The children's PE kits will stay in school for a half term and we will then send them home to be washed!
- Birthdays – sorry but we are no longer allowed to hand out birthday invitations and we are also not allowed to hand out birthday treats, cake etc. We would also remind you that this can't happen on school premises at all.

Any Questions?

