

# What will we play today?



## Foundation Stage 1

### Spring Newsletter

This term we are welcoming more new starters to Chestnut Class.

Your child will spend time playing in our indoor and outdoor areas developing skills such as making new friends, concentrating on an activity, problem solving, persistence, and using their imagination.

Through play, carpet sessions and group times we teach the children our curriculum.

We also follow your child's interests and fascinations.

In each area of learning, we have detailed some of the things we teach so you can talk to your child about these at home.

#### In Personal, Social and Emotional

##### Development we will:

- Talk about feelings and show an understanding of how our actions can make others feel
- Become more able to settle on an activity for a longer period of time.
- Understand why rules are important and play within these rules with others.
- Explore the theme ' Dreams and Goals'

#### In Communication, Language and

##### Literacy we will:

- Learn new words through weekly stories and nursery rhymes
- Take part in phonological awareness, learning to count words in sentences and clap syllables
- Recognise our own name
- Understand and be able to answer more questions using who, what and where

#### In Mathematics we will:

- Learn and understand prepositions - on, under, next to, in front and behind
- Name and describe 2D shapes
- Make, describe and continue AB patterns
- Begin to learn and use numbers 1-3

#### In Understanding the World we will:

- Find out about celebrations such as Chinese New Year and Easter
- Observe changes in our natural environment as Winter ends and Spring begins
- Plant vegetable seeds

#### In Physical Development we will:

- Learn how to use our resources indoors and outdoors safely and correctly
- Develop our gross-motor skills through action games and exploring the outdoor play environment
- Take part in group activities which we make up for ourselves, or in teams
- Use one-handed tools and equipment

#### In Expressive Arts and Design we will:

- Begin to develop more complex stories in small world
- Use our imagination as we consider what we can do with different materials
- Make simple models which express our ideas

### Things to bring to school All NAMED please

- Book bag (every day)
- Coat (every day)
- Packed lunch (if required)
- Wellies (to be left in school)
- Sun hat and sun cream (if sunny)
- Hat, scarf and gloves (if cold)



### All Settled...

We are here to make sure your child is happy and enjoys coming to school.

From time to time your child may get upset for any number of reasons and we need to try and sort out any worries.

If you or your child have any concerns or queries, please speak to one of the staff as soon as possible or email us on [nurserypriory@thrivetrust.uk](mailto:nurserypriory@thrivetrust.uk) so we can help support your child.

### Spare Clothes for your child

We do provide waterproof overalls for the children to wear when they explore the mud kitchen and water area outside. However sometimes the children can still get wet and muddy, so please provide some spare clothes for your child to keep at school.

The clothes can be kept in your child's book bag or kept in a bag on your child's peg.

Clothes can be school uniform or old clothes from home. Thank you.

### Learning Journeys and Tapestry

In the Autumn and Spring term, your child will have a "Focus Week." We will send you a Google Form so you can let us know any of your child's interests or things that are happening at home.

We record what they have done and learnt over the week. This is available for you to view on Tapestry and comment on if you wish.

The following week we will discuss your child's learning and celebrate his/her successes and next steps or targets.