



Chestnut's News



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Beginning the Learning Journey!!

We have had a very busy week this week. I have been baseline assessing the children's maths and literacy skills as part of the government's requirements, more information below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/reception-baseline>

Starting school is incredible daunting for some children. We need to work together to ensure your child is happy, confident and independent. In the class they are becoming busy independent learners, playing with toys, chatting to us and making new friends.

As you may have seen, first thing in the morning, some children are upset and I would like to ask you to be as positive as you can during this time.

I appreciate it is difficult when your child is upset, but work with us. Try not to carry your child as we can then guide them in with minimal distress. Inside the class the children quickly settle, I will call you if your child doesn't. You are also welcome to call us to check too. If you are worried please speak to us, but not when little ears are listening!

Our learning this week:

- The children had their first PE session in the hall, they played team games and followed instructions.
- The children had their first swimming session this week too. The swimming teacher is Mrs Cross, she was impressed by their confidence in the pool.
- We have been practising songs for the Harvest Assembly.

Focus on Learning

I will start teaching Little Wandle phonics next week. More information regarding this can be found on the link below.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Information for Families

PE is on a Monday morning; please remove earrings on these days. We shall keep PE bags in the class until half term when we shall send them home to be washed.

Swimming is on Thursday mornings, helpers are desperately needed! Please let a member of the office know if you are able to help. You will need a DBS check.

Please remember water bottles each day, we have a filtered water tap in class to refill during the day too.



Many thanks,
Mrs Brill and Mrs Mount