

Chestnut Curriculum Overview Spring 2026



Reminders:

- The weather is very unpredictable at the moment so please make sure your children are dressed for all eventualities!
- At the end of the school year the children are assessed against the standards set within the Early Learning Goals. More information regarding this can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>

Literacy

'Little Wandle' phonic sessions will continue every day and 'Keep Up' sessions each afternoon ensures progression continues for every child.

The children will access books matched to their phonic knowledge and ability. They are assessed using a 'Little Wandle' online assessment program. I will let you know if your child needs to focus on something in particular.

Maths Development:

The children are taught new strategies through teacher led lessons and they embed their learning through play-based activities that will challenge and interest them.

We use the White Rose scheme and this term will be learning about composition of numbers, comparing mass and measuring.

Spring Learning Themes:

Animals and Growing

Our topics this term will include: 'Animals' and 'Growing'. These topics will be introduced through books and stories. We have lots of exciting hands – on activities planned for the children that will be interesting and fun!

Understanding the World:

The children will be comparing their environment to other places, communities and countries. We will be observing growth and recording our findings.

Computing:

The children are already brilliant on the iPads and will continue to enhance their learning by using new apps to support their literacy and maths.

Expressive Arts and Design:

The children will use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.

We will be learning to move like animals in music and dance as well as learning new songs linked to the new topics and themes.

PSED:

We will celebrate the positive attributes of learners during 'Star Learner of the Week'.

During circle time we shall be talking about the morals of the stories we share each day.

We will be having learning conversations about the importance of good health (including how to brush our teeth properly) and a healthy diet. We will also talk about ways to keep safe.

Physical Development:

The children are taught PE through a scheme called getset4PE. This term I will be teaching 'dance' and 'fundamentals' to help develop balance, strength and gross motor control.

To help the children develop fine motor control we have activities planned that include cutting and chopping during cooking, using scissors, art resources and writing tools.