

Chestnut Class

Curriculum Overview

Autumn 2026



Reminders:

- Indoor PE is on a Monday morning, please ensure you have the correct kit and earrings have been removed (or can be removed by your child).
- Please label all items of clothing and water bottles.
- Friday is 'Show and Tell' and is always linked to our theme, for this term we will use the children's chatter boxes.

This Terms Theme: **Me, myself and I**

We are using the Chatter Boxes to get to know the children and have conversations about their life and interests.

We will be looking closely at our reflections and painting a self-portrait to display in class.

As you can imagine there is a busy and fun few weeks of learning ahead of us!

Literacy

The children will begin developing their phonics, reading and writing skills through the Little Wandle programme. More information about this scheme can be found on the link below.

www.littlewandlelettersandsound.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

Maths Development:

In maths, the children will be sorting, matching and comparing objects, exploring patterns, ordering items by size, counting and subitising, and developing their understanding of numbers to 5. We will be using the White Rose scheme of work throughout the year.

Understanding the World:

We are going to look at photographs of ourselves from the past and see if we can notice any changes.

Mrs Mount will soon start cooking with the children; to cover the cost a contribution of £2 per term would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Technology:

The children will explore different types of technology in the classroom, including the interactive whiteboard, programmable toys and the class computer. They will use these tools to support their learning through a range of fun and engaging activities.

PSED:

We will celebrate the positive attributes of learners during 'Star Learner of the Week' (on Fridays).

During PSED sessions we shall be talking about Ongar School Rules and Values.

In PE we will be practising the art of dressing and undressing as well as playing team games, taking turns and sharing.

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 creating models using recycled materials and clay and as Christmas approaches we will make props for our Nativity performance! We will have a special harvest assembly for families to watch soon (dates to follow).

We shall be learning lots of songs and rhymes during our music lessons and assemblies.

Physical Development:

The children will take part in a range of physical activities each week, including PE, swimming (until half term), yoga and movement sessions. These activities will help to develop their coordination, balance and confidence. Fine motor skills will be developed through a variety of engaging activities such as threading, painting, cutting, drawing, construction, and manipulating play dough.

Through discussions, stories and practical experiences, the children will learn about the importance of keeping healthy.