

# Chestnut Curriculum Overview 2017 Spring



## 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>

## This Terms Theme:

### **Animals and Growing**

Some of our topics will include: 'Animals and Habitats' and 'Plants and Flowers'. These topics will be introduced through books and stories. We have lots of exciting hands – on activities planned for the children that will be challenging and fun!

### **Ongar School Values**

This terms school values are: Appreciation and Tolerance, please talk about these at home.

## Literacy

Read, Write, Inc. sessions will continue. The class will be split into 2 groups to ensure all children are challenged and progression continues. The children are assessed for their reading ability using a benchmark kit. You will be informed if your child has moved up a level or needs to focus on something in particular.

## Maths Development:

In maths the children will be adding, subtracting and counting in two's! The children will learn through play based activities that will challenge and interest them. Parents will be invited to a maths workshop in chestnut class where you can get the chance to see how the children are taught and learn mathematics. More details will follow shortly.

## 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.

### **ICT:**

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 new school values as well as identifying morals in stories.

We will be playing team games and working cooperatively with each other during P.E.

### **Physical Development:**

The children are taught PE through a scheme called 'Real PE/Gym' which is full of fun games to enhance children's physical development.

Fine motor control is developing very well and the children's handwriting is beautiful.

We will be having learning conversations about the importance of good health and a healthy diet. We will also talk about ways to keep healthy and safe.