

# Chestnut Autumn 1 Newsletter



## Important Information Useful Websites

Day	AM	PM
Monday	Library	Active 15(physical activity for 15 minutes.)
Tuesday	PE (please have both indoor and outdoor kits on both days to account for the weather.)	Active 15
Wednesday		Active 15
Thursday		PE
Friday	Library	Active 15

### Expectations

It is very important at the start of your child's school journey that we work together to develop independence and build confidence. Therefore, if you could ensure your child can recognise their own coat, shoes, wellies etc. Practice fastening coats and knowing how to put their shoes on. Please label anything that comes into school. It would be a big help if all PE bags were draw string as we are struggling to accommodate rucksacks in the cloakroom and the children confuse these bags with their book bag. Please encourage your child to colour at home this is crucial to develop pencil grip and strength, correct posture, concentration and focus for a prolonged period of time. This is a great 1-1 activity which will involve lots of discussion to develop language skills. Always encourage your child to select the correct colour as this is a key element in our understanding the world section of the foundation curriculum. These are all necessary skills needed for all our activities in class.

### Ways to Help your Child

**Reading**-All children are very proud when they have their first reading book and can't wait to share it with you. The focus will be on retelling stories, discussing the characters, their feelings and asking your child questions involving who, what, when, where, why and how. Formal phonics teaching will begin following the statutory government baseline assessment, once the first set of sounds have been taught your child will have a phonics-based reading book or book on a page. Once phonics teach begins your child will be sounding out and blending using the letter sounds and not the letter names. There will be a meeting scheduled to explain this, do not worry. All children will bring home a library book for you to read to them, this is a time of reading for pleasure for you and your child to share.

**Writing**- Help your child with the correct letter formation which can be found on a sheet in your child's learning log. It would be most beneficial for your child to write their name, holding the pencil in a pinch grip. This term is used whenever they mark make. In class, children are encouraged to use their imagination and create their own characters, settings and stories using our puppet theatre. This can be developed at home; you could scribe their stories and they could illustrate. Practice retelling and send them into class to share. Any mark making is great they could write a shopping list which may be circles or lines, encourage them to tell you what the marks mean.

**Maths**-Encourage your child to count reliably with numbers from 0 to 5 or to 10 or to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Write the numbers 0-10 and ask them to count teddies on their bed and match to the correct number. Please work in the range of numbers that your child knows and recognises.

### What we will be learning this term

<p><b>English Our class text</b>- Love, Starting School, Super Duper You, There's only one you. Additional texts: Rosie's walk, Owl Babies and a range of fairy tales. In our poetry selection-A squash and a squeeze. We will also be learning a variety of well-loved nursery rhymes to start our phonics.</p>	<p><b>Maths Concepts covered</b>- We will be looking at ordering numbers to 10, matching objects to the correct number and identifying the number. This is achieved through a variety of maths games/puzzles and rhymes.</p>
<p><b>Other Curricular areas:</b> This first half term we focus on Ourselves, our shared texts are Starting school, Super Duper you and There's only one you. We will be talking about our families, homes and our personal timeline. We use outdoors to facilitate our learning, focusing on seasonal change and start work on our class tree, collecting lots of conkers and having a game!</p>	

<b><u>Useful Websites</u></b>
<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdjCBMMpDhE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdjCBMMpDhE</a> Phonics pure sound pronunciation for grown ups</p> <p><a href="http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk">www.activelearnprimary.co.uk</a>- a variety of colour banded eBooks allocated to your child</p> <p><a href="http://www.harthillprimary.co.uk">www.harthillprimary.co.uk</a>- showcasing your child's learning with photographs and information individually</p>

**Note from the FS2 team** It is so important that we work with you as a team to ensure your child feels settled and safe and ready to learn. Any queries or questions please just ask.