

# Chestnut Autumn 2 Newsletter



## Important Information Useful Websites

Day	AM	PM
Monday	Library	Active 15
Tuesday	PE (Please have both indoor and outdoor kits.)	Active 15
Wednesday		Active 15
Thursday	Active 15	PE (Please have both indoor and outdoor kits.)
Friday	Library	Active 15

## Expectations

It is very important that we continue to work together to develop independence and build confidence. Therefore, if you could ensure your child can turn clothes if they are inside out, have a go at buttons and know the contents of their PE kit. Please ensure your child can fasten their coat as the weather is getting colder and label everything that comes into school!

## Ways to Help your Child

**Reading**-All children are very proud when they have their first reading book with words and can't wait to share it with you. However, in order to be able to sound out letters and blend to say the words your child needs to know the letter sounds taught so far, these have been sent home as flash cards, book on a page or a book. Your child will be sounding out and blending using the letter sounds and not the letter names. They will often miss the initial sound when reading so if you could just say the word correctly and point out the letter sound missed so p-a-t said as a-t. Although there is a school expectation to record reading in your child's learning log if you are unsure how to comment please ensure you date and sign., It is really important you read with your child as much as possible and continue to share their library books.

**Writing**- Your child will need to practise writing the letter sounds so far, this will need to be adult led please model the correct letter formation, including starting points. Remind your child if it is a pen on or pen off letter, for example, is the letter formed without taking your pen off the paper. If your child is confident writing their first name they can move onto surnames.

**Maths**-Encourage your child to count reliably with numbers from 0 to 5, 10 or 20, In class we count 0-10 and back again. Give your child different numbers to begin counting and different end point, start at 4 count to 10. Place number cards in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Please work in the range of numbers that your child knows and recognises. Focus on number recognition, playing ordering games by removing a number card then asking your child to look and tell you the missing number without counting from the beginning. When counting please ensure you encourage your child to pull objects away from the original group saying the number rather than counting by pointing as this often leads to mistakes. Your child also needs to practise correct number formation and orientation.

## What we will be learning this term

**English Our class text**- What's happened to you? It's a no money day, little robin red breast.  
Additional texts: Peace at last and Two homes.  
We will also be focusing on a range of traditional tales to act out in our puppet theatre.

### Maths Concepts covered-

We will be looking at the value of numbers to 10, progressing to 20, counting accurately, matching objects to the correct number and identifying the number. This is achieved through a variety of maths games/puzzles and rhymes. There is also a focus on recognising number patterns and subitising, rolling a dice and encourage your child to recognise the pattern and say the number without counting the spots. Dominoes is also great for this.

**Other Curricular areas:** This second half term we will have a seasonal and festive focus, looking at Halloween, Bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas. Please help your child practice their nativity parts, when given out. Your

children will be involved in a range of craft making and of course Christmas lists, we will ensure you have a copy well in advance!

#### **Useful Websites**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdjCBMMpDhE> Phonics pure sound pronunciation for grown ups  
[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)- a variety of colour banded eBooks allocated to your child, these will not be set this term.  
[www.harthillprimary.co.uk](http://www.harthillprimary.co.uk)- showcasing your child's learning with photographs and information individually

**Note from the Chestnut 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.