



Chestnut Class Autumn Term 2 Overview 2023

Why are there so many leaves on the ground?

We are going to be creating transient art this half term. If you find any conkers, pinecones or acorns on a woodland walk, we would kindly appreciate donations.

Our Focus Texts:

Tree

Wide Awake Hedgehog



Literacy

This half term we will continue to develop our phonic awareness by learning new sounds and tricky words each week. We will think about sounding out words and identifying initial, middle and end sounds when writing and reading. We will familiarise ourselves with key texts over the half term, creating our own versions with our friends. We will be bringing home phonics books and reading for pleasure books weekly to share.

Maths

We be developing our number knowledge to 10 and we will continue to subitize in different ways, up to 5. We will apply our counting skills to real life situations and use language such as more/ less to compare groups of objects. We will talk about 2D shapes and their characteristics.

PSED

We will continue to use our Jigsaw Scheme weekly. Our focus this half term is "Celebrating Differences". We will remind ourselves of our class rules and think about our whole school value, sharing. We will share our achievements with others in the class. We will work as part of a team and problem-solve to find the best way to build a den for Isaac the Hedgehog. We will continue our Mind Up learning about our brains and find out how we can support a friend who feels lonely.

Communication and Language

This half term, we will be developing our listening skills and we will recall information from books. We will look at what makes a good question and create opportunities to question each other in the classroom. We will use full sentences to describe what we see/ feel/ hear and smell on an Autumn walk. We will hold conversations back and forth with others in the class and use new vocabulary we learn in our play. Alongside this, we will rehearse songs for our Nativity.

Understanding the World

As part of our topic, we will use our knowledge on our senses to explore the Autumn season. We will learn about why there are so many leaves on the ground and how we can help animals prepare for winter.

As part of our learning on religious celebrations, we will learn about Harvest and will make comparisons between Diwali and Christmas.

Expressive Art and Design

As artists, we are going to explore Autumn through colour mixing with paint and create transient art with autumnal objects. We will use clay to create hedgehogs and think about their habitats.

We will also learn new songs and dances and will be encouraged to play instruments.

Physical Development

This Autumn, we are going to continue our PE lessons with our specialist sports coach where we will continue to develop our fundamental skills, with a focus on ball skills. Alongside this, we are going to create autumnal dances using ribbons and other props. In class, we will continue to develop our fine motor skills using tweezers, threading and pegging.

