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Curriculum Information Letter – Reception 2025-2026 – Autumn 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Chestnut Class! This half-term our topic is “All about me”. We’re so proud of the children in Chestnut Class for how well they have settled and they’ve become familiar with all of our learning routines so quickly! Well done.

| Curriculum Plan for 2025-2026 – Autumn 1 | |
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| Communication and Language | This half-term we will be focusing on developing our listening skills. We will begin to listen to other children and develop our listening and attention skills during carpet and story times. We will be learning to follow simple 1 step instructions, speak in simple sentences and be able to understand 'why' questions. We will use the Camden Super Listener program to develop our listening and attention skills. |
| Personal, Social and Emotional Development | This half term we will be focusing on developing our independence and settling into Reception. We will be building new relationships with children in the class and begin to play alongside other children. We will learn the Christ Church rules and begin to follow them. We will explore our emotions and introduce Zones of Regulation, using stories such as The Colour Monster, Ruby's Worry, and short clips from films such as 'Inside Out'. |
| Physical Development | We will be developing our core muscle strength to achieve good posture when sitting on the floor or at the table. We will be beginning to use tools and equipment safely, learning the safety rules of how to use scissors and developing our pencil and paint brush grips. We will begin to make snips in paper, using one hand or two hands. |
| Religious Education | As a school, we follow the London Diocesan Board for Schools RE Scheme of Work. This half-term our learning will be around Creation and the Big Question “Who Made The Wonderful World?”. We will look at concepts of valuable and precious, What Christians believe about creation, The Bible, The Church and Harvest Festival. We will also learn about Diwali and create our own Diva Lamps. |
| Literacy | In Literacy, we will be learning to write our names, using our name cards on a daily basis. We will develop an awareness that writing communicates meaning and give meaning to the marks we make. We will begin to learn Phonics, using Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. We will begin to form some letters and apply these to our mark making. Our Literacy focus texts are Owl Babies, Leaf Man, Hair Love and Binny's Diwali |
| Maths | In Maths, we will be following White Rose Maths. We will begin to match and compare pictures, resources and amounts. We will explore sorting and create our own sorting rules, compare size mass and capacity before moving on to find, subitise and represent the numbers 1, 2 and 3. |

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| Understanding the World | We will be talking about our family and discussing why they are special to us. We will be exploring the environment and how we can respect and care for it. We will learn about the seasons and begin to explore the changes that happen in Autumn. We will also explore harvest and why it is celebrated. |
| Expressive Arts and Design | We will develop our independence in the creative area. We will explore the work of Jackson Pollock, explore printing, using hands and fingers, as well as begin to use scissors safely to make snips. We will also explore the role-play area to join in with familiar and pretend play. |
| | <p>Our PE day is a Tuesday with Coach Rae. Children should bring their PE kit to school in their bag. We will teach and encourage the children to change themselves as part of their physical development.</p> <p>Homework will start coming out from 24th September 2025. Homework will be phonics based and will come each Wednesday, to be returned to school the following Tuesday.</p> <p>Reading books will start coming home from 29th September 2025. Reading books will be changed each Monday, but should still be brought to school each day. Parents are encouraged to sign their child's reading record as much as possible.</p> |

If you have any questions about our learning this half-term, please feel free to catch me on the classroom door.

Thank you
Michael