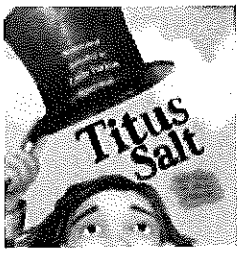
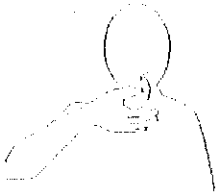
This week in Chestnut – *We are a Community Week*

We are here to help. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to your child's keyworker or any of the staff.

Book of the week:	**Rhyme of the week:**	**Sign of the week:**	**Happy Thought of the week:**
Titus Salt and how he built Saltaire 	The House That Jack Built 	Drink 	

Maths

We will be:

- Exploring the idea that the number of objects stays the same, even when we rearrange them. We'll count small sets of objects, then move them into different shapes and patterns to see if the total changes.
- Sorting real buttons in different ways—by colour, size, number of holes, or shape. Children will explore, group, and compare the buttons, using language like more, fewer, big, small, and same.

Phonics Phase 1 Aspect 3 – Body Percussion

We will be:

- Exploring the different sounds we can make with our bodies, such as clapping, stamping, tapping, and rubbing
- Playing a copy-me game with simple body percussion patterns like "Clap, clap, tap" to support listening and coordination
- Encouraging children to take turns leading the group with their own chosen body percussion actions.

Learning Opportunities

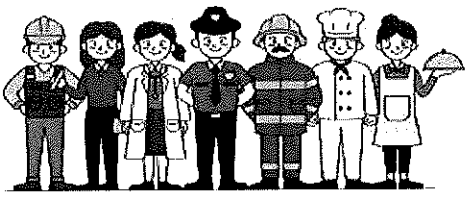
We will be:

- Exploring maps of our local area and talking about landmarks and routes linked to our Advent Walk.
- Building dens using crates, sheets, blocks and natural materials, working together to solve problems and create imaginative spaces.
- Exploring reflective and non-reflective objects using torches, magnifiers and investigation resources.
- Investigating movement and cause and effect through STEM challenges, making predictions and testing ideas.
- Talking about kindness, helping others and being part of a caring community through our stories and daily interactions.

Help at Home

Draw Your Community Helpers

Talk with your child about people who help in the community (e.g. firefighters, nurses, teachers, shop workers). Ask your child to draw a picture of one or more community helpers. They can include details like uniforms, tools, or vehicles. Encourage your child to add faces and expressions, talking about how each helper might feel while helping others. Chat about the importance of each person and how they make the community a better place.



Dates for your diary:

- **Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th December** - Christmas Lunches
- **Wednesday 9th December** - Christmas Jumper Day, Titus Salt Trail and Christmas Walk
- **Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th December** - Christmas Parties
- **Wednesday 16th December** - Christmas Crafting
- **Friday 18th December** - Nursery Closes for Christmas