

This week in Chestnut

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

<p>Books of the week: Find Spot at Nursery & other starting Nursery books</p> 	<p>Rhyme of the week: Familiar nursery rhymes</p> 	<p>Sign of the week:</p>  <p>Hello</p>	<p>Happy Thought of the week: Welcome back to our returning children and a big welcome to our new starters!</p> 
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Maths

We will be:

- Singing number songs and rhymes to support counting skills and number recognition.

Phonics

We will be:

- Developing turn-taking and recognition of peers through group, circle time games such as The Hedgehog Game and Doggy Doggy Where's Your Bone?

Learning opportunities

We will be:

- This week the children will spend time familiarising themselves with their classroom whilst spending time revisiting and making new friendships.
- During outdoor play the children will have the opportunity to play with the different areas of provision outside. Adults will model how to use equipment and support children's learning.



Help At Home:

Talk to your child about their day

Talking about their day helps them develop memory, language skills, and emotional awareness. Here are some tips to help your child talk about their day.

- **Pick the right moment** – Talk when they're calm (snack, bath, bedtime), not straight after pick-up.
- **Ask specific questions** – Try "Who did you play with?" rather than "What did you do today?"
- **Use play** – Join in role-play or use toys to let them act out their day.
- **Share your own day** – Model conversation by telling them something simple you did.
- **Celebrate feelings** – Help them name emotions, not just activities.
- **Make it a routine** – Ask the same question daily. Try "What was the best thing that happened today?"

Dates for your diary:

- **Wednesday 3rd September** - We re-open for returning children
- **From Thursday 4th September** – New starters begin
- **WC 15th September** - We will be reading the story **Owl Babies** in Nursery. To support this, we'd be very grateful if you could send in some family photographs to share and talk about with your child. These can be either a printed copy or emailed to the school office. We'll display the photos in our Home Corner, where children can look at them throughout the day. Having pictures from home really helps children feel secure and settle happily into Nursery life.