Week beginning 9th March 2026

This week in Chestnut - *British Science 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.

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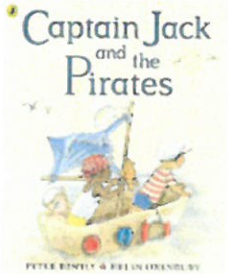
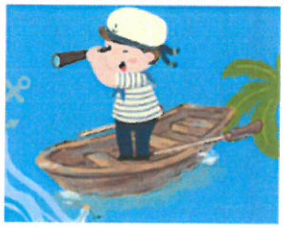
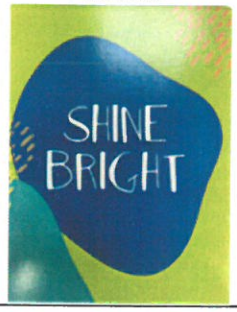
Captain Jack and The Pirates 	A sailor went to sea sea sea 	Listen	

Maths

We will be:

Recognising numbers of significance

- Looking at large number cards from 1–5 and talking about numbers that are special to us.
- Finding the numeral that matches each child's age and talking about other special numbers and why they are important, e.g. a number for our next birthday.

Sorting groups with the same number of things

- Sorting small toy farm animals into groups, (e.g. two cows, three sheep, two pigs) then counting each group together and matching groups that have the same number of animals (e.g. cows and pigs both have 2 animals).

Phonics Phase 1 Aspect 5 – Alliteration

We will be:

Initial Sound Hunt

- Looking at familiar objects from two sound bags and listening carefully to the first sounds of words, e.g., /s/ and /b/.
- Sorting objects into two trays according to their initial sound.
- Going on a sound hunt around the classroom to find other objects that start with the same sounds.
- Saying the words slowly and emphasising the first sound, e.g., "ssssspoon" or "bbbbook."
- Deciding which tray the object belongs in and placing it in the correct sound group.

Learning Opportunities

We will be:

- Exploring and recognising familiar locations on digital maps, making connections with real places.
- Observing and caring for our basil plants, using cameras or tablets to record changes as they grow.
- Exploring colour mixing and making "magical potions" to spark creativity.
- Developing our interest in letters and numbers, including phonics and letter recognition.
- Independent painting and large-scale mark making on different surfaces.
- Engaging in imaginative role play and collaborative junk modelling.

Help at Home

British Science Week

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will take place between 6-15 March 2026! You can get involved at home by downloading the Early years Activity Pack here - British-Science-Week-2026-Early-Years-activity-pack.pdf

Dates for your diary:

- **6-15th March** – British Science Week
- **WC 16th March** - 'We are Explorers' theme week