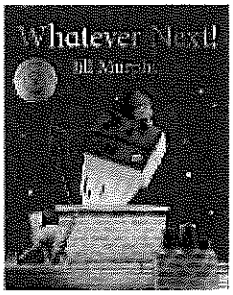
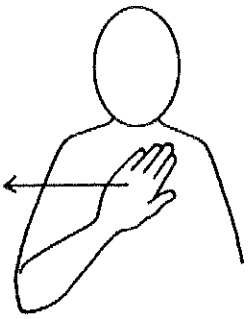
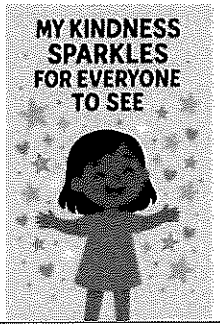
Week beginning 16th November 2026

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.

Book of the week:	Rhyme of the week:	Sign of the week:	Happy Thought of the week:
Whatever Next! 	Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star 	No 	

Maths

We will be:

- Singing a special counting version of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star and using a magic blanket to reveal and count hidden stars (1–5), encouraging children to recognise small quantities without counting (subitising).
- Exploring the concepts of "now" and "next" using the classroom visual timetable, helping children understand routines and transitions by identifying what's happening now and what will happen next.

Phonics Phase 1 Aspect 2 – Instrumental Sounds

We will be:

- Playing copycat listening game using percussion instruments like tambourines, shakers, and claves.
- For example, in one game children will listen carefully to simple sound patterns and take turns copying them, building confidence in rhythm, turn-taking, and listening skills through fun, musical play.

Learning Opportunities

We will be:

- Exploring sensory play with star and space-themed trays.
- Playing instruments and learning about loud and quiet sounds.
- Sharing space-themed stories and developing a love of books.
- Creating rockets, moon pictures and other space-themed artwork.
- Investigating reflective and non-reflective objects using torches and magnifiers.
- Learning about emotions, kindness and how our words can affect others.

Help at Home

Collage Materials

To help us with a collaged colour wheel project next week, please could you send any small, colourful pieces of recycling you might be able to collect at home e.g. bottle lids, chocolate wrappers, pieces of fabric etc.



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