

Core signs for our topic this term.



Our topic this term is 'All Aboard', here are some related signs for you to practice.

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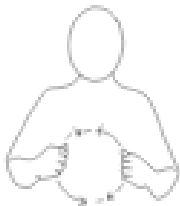
plane



bike



car



bus



travel



Don't forget to say the words as you sign!



Chestnut Class
Key Stage 2
Information
for Parents/
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'All Aboard'



Regular events:

PE Enrichment will take place every Tuesday afternoon. This term we will be focusing on exploring Parachute games.
PE will take place every Wednesday in the Sports Hall with Katie.

Swimming will continue this term and will take place every Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure to send children in with their swim kits and swim pads.

General Information:

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the half term break. We are looking forward to exploring lots of activities linked to our new topic 'All Aboard'.

Homework and contact:

Please share books with your child every day. Please support our use of PECs by practicing at home as often as possible.

The Home/School Journals are in place for us both to write in so we can keep each other up to date about your children. If you have any questions please contact the school office or speak to one of the team when dropping off or picking up.

Ideas for home:

- Travel using different forms of transport such as a bus or train.
- Listen to videos of planes, trains and buses to build exposure to the sounds.
- Comment on the things you can see on the journeys you take every day.

Foundations for Literacy

During our Literacy focus sessions, Chestnut Class will share the book 'Things That Go!' with interactive sound buttons.

Each week will focus on a different vehicle. Pupils will then explore a range of activities to develop their skills in communication, expressing preferences and mark making in response to the different vehicles.

Foundations for Maths

During our Maths focus sessions, Chestnut Class will be exploring maths concepts including sorting and matching.

The pupils will explore shape, space and measure through position and direction. As they play, adults will narrate the position of objects, using vocabulary such as "on top of", "next to" and "under".

Understanding the World

This term Chestnut Class will be exploring the different ways vehicles move in our immediate environment.

The children will investigate noticing the speed of wheeled toys as they move down ramps, cross tracks and go through tunnels.



Gross Motor Skills

Chestnut Class will have lots of opportunities this term to develop their gross motor skills. Pupils will be challenged to reach out and retrieve vehicles, push and pull them to make them move.

They will also practise their balancing and sitting skills aboard our 'Chestnut Class Bus'

Art/Design

Chestnut Class will be exploring Art and Design exploring Art by using different materials and requesting colours and materials using gesture and reaching for paint/pens.

They will experiment with making marks using wheeled toys in paint, foam and sand.



Fun with Foods

Foods can cause anxieties for pupil with ASD. Chestnut Class will be following the 'Fun with Foods' programme to help develop your child's tolerance of different smells and textures.

This term Chestnut class will be exploring wet and dry textures and noticing what happened when they mix them together.

Therapies

Chestnut Class will continue to explore:

- Fun with Food
- Gong Therapy
- Therapeutic Music
- Brushing
- Compressions
- Sensory Circuits
- SLIC support
- OT support

As required, following observations and assessments by our therapy team.

PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) and RSE



This term Chestnut Class will be learning about keeping safe. They will continue to practise avoiding obstacles and developing their ability to stop an action when requested. They will also work on developing their road safety awareness.

Physical Education

PE will be on Wednesday mornings this term. Pupils will be practising their engagement and interaction with a range of activities ahead of our upcoming Sense Sports Festival —More information to follow soon.

Swimming will be on Wednesdays and we will continue to develop our water confidence and independence when moving across the pool.

Communication/Language

Personalised Speech and Language targets will continue to enable early communication.

These include:

- Initiation & Intensive Interaction.
- The Curiosity Programme
- Attention Autism (Stage 1)
- Sensory massage
- TacPac
- EHCP targets
- 1-1 interventions,

PE Enrichment

Pupils will have PE Enrichment on Tuesday afternoons. This term they will be exploring the Parachutes on the playground. We will sing songs, play hide and seek, and practise shaking them with objects on top.



Music

Chestnut Class will continue to explore tuned and untuned percussion instruments.

They will have the opportunity to explore musical elements through a variety of sensory activities.