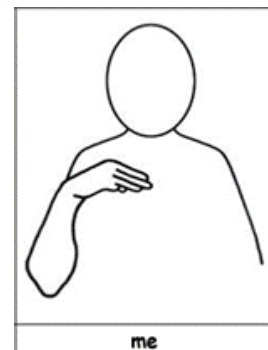




## Chestnut class curriculum newsletter

### Autumn 1



### Our Theme

Our theme for Autumn 1 is "This is me"  
Have a look below at how we will be learning about ourselves across our curriculum!



#### My Communication

In My Communication, we will be exploring our theme through our sensory story "We are all different". This will incorporate looking at our features, our families, and our likes and dislikes.

We will be developing key early reading/learning skills in group sessions such as sustaining attention in Attention Autism and participating in nursery rhymes during Rhyme Bag.

We will also focus on developing our communication skills to make requests for our favourite toys/activities throughout the day, as well as foods at snack time.



#### My Thinking and Problem Solving

In My Thinking and Problem Solving, we will develop our concept of time by exploring days of the week in morning group and observing seasonal changes in the weather.

As we settle into the new academic year, we are prioritising building our classroom routine to enhance predictability and create opportunity to develop independence.

We will be working on number and cognition & learning ALI's across the timetable.



#### The World about Me

In The World about Me, we will develop our travel skills by practicing transitions within the school building and afternoon walks on the track and playground.

This will allow us also to observe seasonal change in the weather and practice dressing appropriately for weather conditions.

Additionally, we will recognise seasonal events and celebrations.



#### Me and My Body

In Me and My Body, we will be taking part in lots of physical activity across the timetable including PE in the hall, sessions in the sensory room, and playing on the playground equipment.

We will develop an awareness of ourselves by exploring our reflections, naming body parts, and exploring our 5 senses in Sensology.

We will also reflect on what is the same and what is different about us.



#### My Community

In My Community, we will focus on developing our play-skills through lots of child-led play, sensory play, and structured activities with our peers.

We will develop our self-awareness by exploring our likes and dislikes, considering how we differ from those around us, and reflecting on our friendships.



#### My Creativity

In My Creativity, we will be expanding our mark making abilities.

We will be drawing our faces and our bodies in our Creation Station sessions.



## Things to remember

- ✓ We have PE on a Wednesday. Please send in PE kits for us to keep in school.
- ✓ In preparation for future trips, we will be practicing our travel skills around the school grounds in all weathers. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing (E.g. waterproof suit, wellies) in school.
- ✓ Please remember to check Evidence for Learning on a weekly basis to see your child's learning across the curriculum.
- ✓ Please email your family photos so we can incorporate them into our sessions.
- ✓ Parents evening will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> October. More details to follow.



## Key Vocabulary

**Me**  
**You**

**Facial features** – Eyes, nose, mouth, ears

**Body parts** – Fingers, hands, head, legs

**Family members** – Mummy, Daddy etc.

**Friends**

**Same v Different**

**Weather** – Rainy, cloudy, sunny, snowy

**Days of the week**



## How can you help at home?

There are lots of ways to support your child's learning at home. Have a look at the suggestions below for some ideas:

- ✓ Reading with your child using the resources provided in their Reading Pack – these will be sent home soon.
- ✓ Incorporating your child's Aspirational Learning Intentions into your routine at home.
- ✓ Encouraging your child to look at their reflection in the mirror, perhaps identifying facial features.
- ✓ Comment on the weather when outside.



## Home-School Communication

Home-school communication is important to us and helps us to support your child the best that we can. Here are some different ways to keep in touch...

- ✓ Writing in the home-school diary
- ✓ Emailing me at [seddona@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:seddona@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk)
- ✓ Keep an eye out for blog posts on the school website
- ✓ Commenting on your child's Evidence for Learning posts
- ✓ Sharing any pictures of your own via Evidence for Learning