Chestnuts
Autumn 1

Our learning • Explore • Create • Grow

Phonics
Little Wandle

Phonics links letters and sounds to help us read and spell. Using Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised, we develop skills across Phases 2 to 5, at each child's pace. We focus on initial sounds, leading into blending CVC words such as cat, dog and sun.



Transcription

Our short stories are **Supermarket Zoo, Tabby McTat, The Highway Rat and Tiddler.** We show our understanding through lists, labels and short captions. We practise articulating words clearly, forming letters and spelling words as we write.



Maths
Number recognition & place value

Recognising numerals helps us link written numbers to quantities. We explore place value by grouping objects into tens and ones. These skills support counting, comparing amounts and solving simple problems, building confidence for everyday maths.



Art

Our focus is on Autumn. We explore autumn colours, leaves and textures through painting, drawing, printing, collage and modelling. These activities help us express ideas, make choices and develop creativity.



Fine motor skills

Playdough, threading, peg games, tweezers and snipping paper help strengthen our hands and fingers. These activities develop coordination and control for writing and everyday tasks.



Sensory play

We explore sand, water, foam and textured materials through scooping, pouring and mixing. We focus on noticing, copying and creating patterns, a foundation for learning and development. Sensory play encourages curiosity, language and problem-solving.



Learning through play, every day