

# Chestnuts

## Learning from home



*Dear Chestnut Parents and Carers,*

*Welcome to the Chestnut introduction to our home learning package for your children. We hope that this will be helpful to you during this period, keeping your little ones busy until they are able to return to Nursery on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020.*

*All Chestnut's staff will be working from home during this time to support you and your children and have planned some lovely experiences and activities which we hope you will find enjoyable.*

*All of our remote support will be uploaded onto the Chestnut page of our Evesham Nursery School website. This will include;*

- *A planning overview based upon the theme of **'The Cold'**. This includes the learning and development focuses that we had already planned to explore with your children in Nursery (page 1) as well as things that you can now do at home based upon the theme of 'The Cold' and covering our planned objectives (page 2).*
- *A range of lovely stories being read by our staff members - these will be added to throughout the coming week.*
- *Cooking with Sarah – simple bakes that you and your children can enjoy at home.*
- *Play dough explorations with Ola – Ola will share our play dough recipe with you and model how to create simple makes with your children.*
- *Nursery rhyme performances by our staff which we hope your children will be keen to join in with*
- *Everyday Number and shape / space and measure games that you can play at home – creating number lines, shape hunts, sock sorting etc.*
- *A daily 'egg count' with Holly – Holly will share her egg collection each day – I wonder how many eggs her duck and chickens will lay?*

- *Outdoor adventures with Carol – ideas for keeping your children busy if you have an outdoor space at home.*
- *Links to interesting websites – ideas for fun activities and games*
- *Models of good practise – examples of how to help your child as you play with them, ways to support their speech, language and listening skills language, And much, much more.....*

*In addition, Sarah, Rhian and myself will offer keyworker support with each of you on the days that your children should be in Nursery. This will be done via email or Evidence me. We are also happy to arrange zoom meetings if you would like any more specific support for your children during this time.*

*We of course recognise that whilst your children are at home you yourself may well be working, supporting other siblings and of course will continue to be busy doing household chores. Our support package is designed to be accessed flexibly, if and when you can. It is designed to be an addition to all of the wonderful play and everyday experiences that we know you already provide for your children; sharing snuggly bedtime stories, having yummy indoor picnics in home built dens, using pots and pans to make magical music, involving your children in preparing snacks and supper (all hands on deck!), sorting the washing and washing-up together, matching the pairs of shoes on the shoe rack, listening to a range of music, playing shops, schools and vets' and following your children's own unique interests and curiosities etc. All we ask is that you please stay in touch and that you use the Evidence Me app to share what your children have been exploring during their time at home.*

*Please, please take special care of yourselves. We look forward to hearing from you,*

*With warm wishes,*

*Nicky and the Chestnut Team xx*