



Little Chestnuts Topic Overview 2020-2021

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic Name	Wellbeing (3 wks) Earth & Beyond (4 wks) <i>-Space</i>	Earth & Beyond (4 wks) <i>-Countries</i> <i>-celebrations</i> Winter	Walking with Dinosaurs (6wks) -dinosaurs - fossils -history	Machines & Me (6wks) - Inventions - Vehicles - People who help us - Experiments	Habitat Hunters (6wks) - Animals - Minibeasts -Detectives	Dream Big (6wks) -Fantasy -Traditional Tales -Aspirations -Transition
Dates/ Inset Days	Thurs 3rd Sept to Friday 23 rd Oct Tues 1st and Wed 2nd Sept are INSET Days	Tues 3 rd Nov to Fri 18 th Dec 2:05pm Monday 2nd Nov is an INSET Day	Tues 5 th Jan to Fri 12 th Feb Monday 4th January is an INSET Day	Mon 22 nd Feb to Thurs 1 st April 2.05 pm	Mon 19 th April to Fri 28 th May Mon 3rd and Monday 31st May are Bank Holidays	Tues 8 th June to Wed 31 st Jul 2.05 pm Monday 7th June is an INSET Day

All areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework are covered daily during child initiated learning. During each term all children will be given opportunities to explore a wide range of activities and have a go at new activities. We will have a focus/stimulus per week which will be taken from the children's ideas/interests or from the suggestions below. The children will be encouraged to explore the 'focus' in all areas of the classroom environment while developing a range of skills. **For example;** 'Jack and the Beanstalk' could be used to develop the language of height to measure the beanstalk (Maths – measure), sequencing skills and mark making of the story (Literacy), retelling the story through role play (Communication and Language), exploring Jack's feelings – sad, scared, excited (PSED), climbing skills on different size apparatus (Physical Development), exploring how plants grow (Understanding the world) and creating props for role play such as a large scale castle (Expressive arts and design).

Suggestions of Books / stimulus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wellbeing – The colour monster The Lion Inside Whatever Next (rockets) How to catch a star Twinkle, Twinkle... The Smeds and the Smoos Look up Being an astronaut 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebration in different counties We're all different too Here we go round the mulberry bush My world, your world Hats of Faith Stick Man Elmer's special day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andy's dinosaur adventures Chalk (book) Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs. 10 little dinosaurs stomp, stomp big roars, here come the dinosaurs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles (everyday transport and construction) Science – how things move Iggy Peck Architect Emergency Services and people who help us 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mad About Minibeasts (book) Bug hunt The Very Hungry Caterpillar Dear Zoo Giraffes can't dance We're going on a lion hunt The Snail and the Whale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional Tales (3 little pigs, goldilocks) Journey (book) Fairy doors What I want to be Koala Who Could
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