



Little Chestnuts Curriculum Overview 2026 – 2027

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Term	Autumn 1 3 rd Sept – 23 rd Oct	Autumn 2 2 nd Nov - 18 th Dec	Spring 1 5 th Jan - 12 th Feb	Spring 2 22 nd Feb – 25 th Mar	Summer 1 13 th April- 28 th May	Summer 2 8 th June- 21 st July
Whole School Topic	The way I feel 3 weeks Marvellous Me 4 weeks	Hocus Pocus 7 weeks	Show Time! 6 weeks	Changing Planet 5 weeks – Less one day	Toytastic 7 weeks	Quick Cats 7 weeks
Weeks	<i>Inset: (Tuesday 1st & 2nd) 3rd Sept (2 day week) 7th Sept 14th Sept 21st Sept 28th Sept 5th Oct 12th Oct 19th Oct Last day Friday 23rd Oct</i>	<i>2nd Nov 9th Nov 16th Nov 23rd Nov 30th Nov 7th Dec 14th Dec Last day Friday 18th Dec</i>	<i>Inset: (Monday 4th Jan) 5th (Tues) Jan (4 day week) 11th Jan 18th Jan 25th Jan 1st Feb 8th Feb Last day Friday 12th Feb</i>	<i>22nd Feb 1st March 8th March 15th March 22nd March (4 day week) Last day Thursday 25th March</i>	<i>Inset: Monday 12th April 13th (Tues) April 19th April 26th April 3rd May 10th May 17th May 24th May Last day Friday 28th May</i>	<i>Inset: Mon 7th June 8th June (4 day week) 14th June 21st June 28th June 5th July 12th July 19th July (3 days) Last day Wednesday 21st July</i>
Themes	Seasons Colour monster Comics Animation Supapotatoes	Potions Science / changes Experiment Friendship week Optical illusions	Theatre related Props Costumes Back drop Lighting Instruments Singing dancing Perform Big voices	Dinosaurs Fossils Climate change Conservation Plants Changes in technology AI	Inventing games Lego Robots Victorian toys Knights and castles Puppets Sewing Circus	Speed Patterns Evolution Habitats People who help us Zoo Geography Measures
<u>Core Books</u>	Our Class, Our Family The Feelings Book	We're Going on a Bear Hunt The Gruffalo	The Three Little Pigs Goldilocks and the Three Bears	The Very Hungry Caterpillar Bug Hotel	Lets Go for a Walk How Do you Make a Rainbow? Colours, Colours Everywhere	Be Brave Little Penguin The Gruffalo Elmer
Special Days Judaism Sikhism Hinduism Christianity Islam Buddhism	<i>Yom Kippur: 20th-21st September Sukkot: 25th Sept -2nd October Harvest: 5th Oct</i> <i>Recycling, Fairtrade and Zero Emissions Week: 21st – 25th September National Poetry Day: 1st October 'Make a Mark' - The Big Draw Festival: 5th – 9th October</i>	<i>Diwali: 8th November Guru Nanak's Birthday: 24th November Hanukkah: 4th – 12th December Christmas: 25th December</i> <i>Remembrance Day: 11th Nov Friendship Week: 16th – 20th Nov Road Safety Week: 16th – 20th Nov</i>	<i>Tu B'shvat: 22nd – 23rd Jan Chinese New Year: 6th Feb</i> <i>World Religion Day: 17th Jan Energy Saving Week: 18th – 22nd January Children's Mental Health Week: 1st – 7th Feb Safer Internet Day: 9th Feb International Mother Language Day: 21st Feb</i>	<i>Ramadan 7th Feb -8th Mar (tbc) Eid al-Fitr: 9th / 10th Mar (tbc) Mother's Day: 7th March Holi: 22nd March Easter Sunday: 28th March</i> <i>World Book Day: 4th March Science Week: 5th – 14th March</i>	<i>Eid al-Adha: 16th / 17th May (tbc) Buddha's Birthday: 13th May</i> <i>World Art Day: 20th April Outdoor Classroom Day: 20th May No Pens Day: 19th May National Numeracy Day: 19th May</i>	<i>Father's Day: 20th June Tanabata: 7th July</i> <i>World Music Day: 21st June</i>
Teaching Themed Days	Muddy Puddles PE Poetry basket	Muddy Puddles PE Poetry basket Story Dough	Muddy Puddles PE Helicopter Stories Story Dough	Muddy Puddles PE Helicopter Stories Cooking	Muddy Puddles PE Helicopter Stories Cooking	Muddy Puddles PE Helicopter Stories Story Dough

Trips / Workshops / Events	School grounds	Little City		Gruffalo Hunt in Elangeni	Chesham bois Common. Activities & Picnic	Sports day and celebration morning
Phonics & Reading	See our parent guide explaining the Chestnut Lane Phonics programme – Little Chestnuts develop Phase 1 phonics skills. See our guide on Wordless Books .					
Week 1 What are we learning? Core Books Areas of learning PSED UW EAD CL PD Maths Literacy	Stay & Play	We're Going on a Bear Hunt Real life experiences and different environments	Goldilocks & The Three Bears Size, weight, and measure.	The Very Hungry Caterpillar Caterpillar and butterfly life cycle	Let's Go For a Walk Nature walk – wellbeing	Elmer Friendships & individuality, celebrating differences
Week 2 What are we learning? Settling in	The Feelings Book Express my feelings in words.	We're Going on a Bear Hunt Storytelling and acting	Goldilocks & The Three Bears Home, family, safety (people who help us)	The Very Hungry Caterpillar Number recognition and counting – memory	Let's Go For a Walk Land art / transient art – natural materials	Elmer Vocabulary & storytelling & questioning
Week 3 What are we learning? Settling in	The Feelings Book Express my feelings in words.	The Gruffalo Puppets and roleplay	Poetry Basket Rhymes	Bug Hotel protect and nurture the environment	Colours, Colours Everywhere - Intro Zones of regulation	The Gruffalo
Week 4 What are we learning?	The Feelings Book Express my feelings in words.	The Gruffalo Woodland habitat & animals	Poetry Basket Rhymes	Bug Hotel Explore different bugs and habitat	Colours, Colours Everywhere Cooking	Be Brave Little Penguin Over coming fears - resilience
Week 5 What are we learning?	Our Class, Our Family - Cloakroom & classroom Rules	Winter Snowy sensory play	The Three Little Pigs Materials	Amersham Small world	How Do You Make a Rainbow?	Sports Day & Celebration morning
Week 6 What are we learning?	Our Class, Our Family - exploring colours and colour matching - painting	Festival - Hanukkah	The Three Little Pigs Storytelling and acting		Construction Land Transport Build a town	Transition
Week 7 What are we learning?	Festival /Autumn	Christmas			Lego Land Transport Build a town	Transition