



## Little Chestnuts– Curriculum Overview 2025 – 2026

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Term	Autumn 1 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Autumn 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov - 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Spring 1 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Spring 2 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb - 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Summer 1 13 <sup>th</sup> April- 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Summer 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> June- 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
<b>Whole School Topic</b>	<b>Over the Rainbow</b> 3 weeks <b>Treasure Hunters</b> 4 weeks	<b>Farm to Fork</b> 6 weeks	<b>To infinity and beyond</b> 5 weeks 3 days	<b>Lights, Camera, Action</b> 5 weeks	<b>Blue Planet</b> 6 weeks	<b>Jet Set...Go!</b> 8 weeks
<b>Special Days</b> Judaism Sikhism Hinduism Christianity Islam Buddhism	Yom Kippur: 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> October Harvest: 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct Sukkot: 6 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> October Diwali: 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Guru Nanak's Birthday: 5 <sup>th</sup> November Hanukkah: 14 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> December Christmas: 25 <sup>th</sup> December  Remembrance Day: 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov Friendship Week: 10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov No Pens Day: 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tu Bishavat: 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb Chinese New Year: 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb  World Religion Day: 18th Jan Children's Mental Health Week: 9 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb Safer Internet Day: 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb International Mother Language Day: 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Ramadan: 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar Holi: 4 <sup>th</sup> March Mother's Day: 15 <sup>th</sup> March Eid-al-Fitr: 19 <sup>th</sup> March Easter Sunday: 5 <sup>th</sup> April  World Book Day: 5th March Science Week: 6 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Buddha's Birthday: 24 <sup>th</sup> May  Earth Day: 22 <sup>nd</sup> April National Numeracy Day: 20th May	Father's Day: 21 <sup>st</sup> June Tanabata: 7 <sup>th</sup> July  World Music Day: 21 <sup>st</sup> June
<b>Trips / Workshops / Events</b>	School grounds	Little City	Space Dome	Gruffalo Hunt in Elageni	Chesham bois Common. Activities & Picnic	Sports day and celebration morning
<b>Cooking</b>	No cook easy fun	Mixing and mashing	Spreading and rolling	Sensory and smelling	Celebrating cooking	Summer and sharing
<b>PE</b>	Core Power-Up	Midline Magic	Balance Boost	Coordination Champs	Game Time Fun	Sports Day Ready
<b>Muddy Puddles</b>	Little Acorns	Leaf Jumpers	Frosty Explorers	Bud Finders	Nature Builders	Forest Champions
<b>Week 1</b> <b>What are we learning?</b> <u>Core Books</u> Areas of learning PSED UW EAD CL PD Maths Literacy	<u>Our class our family</u> - Cloakroom& classroom Rules	<u>Elmer</u> Friendships & individuality, celebrating differences	<u>You choose</u> Making choices and giving reasons.	<u>We are going on the bear hunt</u> Real life experiences and different environments	<u>The Very Hungry caterpillar</u> Caterpillar and butterfly life cycle	<u>The Feelings Book</u> Express my feelings in words.

<b>Week 2</b> What are we learning?	<a href="#">Our class our family</a> - exploring colours and colour matching - painting	<a href="#">Elmer</a> Vocabulary & storytelling & questioning	<a href="#">You choose</a> Making choices and understanding consequences.	<a href="#">We are going on the bear hunt</a> Storytelling and acting	<a href="#">The Very Hungry caterpillar</a> Number recognition and counting – memory	<a href="#">Be Brave Little Penguin</a> Over coming fears - resilience
<b>Week 3</b> What are we learning?	<a href="#">Colours, colours everywhere</a> - Intro Zones of regulation	<a href="#">Goldilocks &amp; the Three Bears</a> Size, weight, and measure.	<a href="#">Space</a> building rockets role play	<a href="#">Gruffalo</a> Puppets and roleplay	<a href="#">Bug Hotel</a> protect and nurture the environment	<a href="#">Let's Go For a Walk</a> Nature walk – wellbeing
<b>Week 4</b> What are we learning?	<a href="#">Colours, colours everywhere</a> Cooking	<a href="#">Goldilocks &amp; the Three Bears</a> Home, family, safety (people who help us)	<a href="#">The 3 Little Pigs</a> Materials	<a href="#">Gruffalo</a> Woodland habitat & animals	<a href="#">Bug Hotel</a> Explore different bugs and habitat	<a href="#">Let's Go For a Walk</a> Land art / transient art– natural materials
<b>Week 5</b> What are we learning?	<a href="#">How to make a rainbow</a> Sensory treasure box	<a href="#">Winter</a> Snowy sensory play	<a href="#">The 3 Little Pigs</a> Retelling and acting out story.	<a href="#">Amersham</a> Small world	<a href="#">Air Transport</a> Comparing – how far can my plane fly	<b>Sports Day &amp; Celebration morning</b>
<b>Week 6</b> What are we learning?	<a href="#">How to make a rainbow</a> Seasonal Art	Festival - Hanukkah			<a href="#">Land Transport</a> Build a town	<b>Transition</b>
<b>Week 7</b> What are we learning?	Festival /Autumn	Christmas				<b>Transition</b>
<b>Phonics &amp; Reading</b>	See our parent guide explaining the <a href="#">Chestnut Lane Phonics</a> programme – Little Chestnuts develop <b>Phase 1</b> Phonics Skills.					