



CHESTNUT CLASS HOME LEARNING

9th October 2020



Today, we joined in with [#HelloYellow](#) to support World Mental Health Day. We already focus on mindfulness activities as part of our daily routine in Chestnut Class and our curious curriculum theme this term has supported thinking positively about ourselves and others. This week, we have shared a range of stories about how we are all special and unique.

We have also:

- Read *The Lion and the Mouse* (Aesop's Fable), compared and described the characters and talked about how they became friends
- Recognised characteristics to describe ourselves and written about it (Yr1)
- Drawn pictures of our friends in school (Reception)
- Identified similarities and differences between ourselves
- Created self-portraits with paint and craft materials
- Listened and responded to the Christian creation story
- Watched 'Numberblocks' that focused on how to count accurately, subitising (recognise a number of objects in a group without having to count them) and part, part whole
- Talked about people who help us at home and recognised there are many different types of families
- Practised letters and sounds through reading and writing and activities to build on our phonic skills and develop new ones (a new set of sounds will be sent home with Reception children Monday)
- Had dance and music with Miss Freeman
- Had PE with Mrs Cullingworth focused on ball skills

Please practise reading at home. We cannot emphasise enough the impact reading at home has on your child's learning. We are trying to get reading books changed twice a week and ask that books are returned to school on a MONDAY and THURSDAY. New books will be sent home on either a Monday/Tuesday once we have listened to the children read with a new book sent home on a Thursday/Friday. Unfortunately, because we have to quarantine books we are unable to change them on a daily basis so we encourage books to be read more than once and only sent in on book changing days. Please continue sharing your child's own books with them at bedtime and online sites such as Oxford Owl or Teach my monster to read can be useful online resources to support home reading further.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Cullingworth, Mrs Wells, Mrs Smith, Mrs Pain and Miss Freeman