

Wow, what a hot month June has been!

We've managed to get through the heatwave together, and I must say, our children have done a fantastic job of keeping cool. It's wonderful to see them enjoying their time at the water stations and finding shade under the trees and gazebos. They are also very good at independently using our water drink dispensers to pour their own water to help stay hydrated. Looking ahead, it's possible that the heat will return before the end of term. I want to remind everyone to continue applying sun cream on your children before they arrive at school and to dress them in appropriate clothing for the weather—including hats. Keeping the children safe and comfortable remains a priority!

Our learning

Our topic book has closely followed the children's interests, and as the children have shown a great enthusiasm for searching for minibeasts in the garden, we decided to share the delightful story of 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. The book has captured their imagination, perfectly complementing their love for nature. As we've been on our minibeast hunts, the children have discovered a variety of fascinating creatures, including butterflies, dragonflies, bees, shield beetles, slugs, and of course, worms! It's been wonderful to see their excitement as they learn about the different roles these insects play in our ecosystem. In addition to our nature explorations, we've been having important conversations about our bodies and ways to keep them safe. We've discussed topics such as wearing pants and understanding appropriate touch, ensuring the children have the knowledge they need to feel comfortable and protected. We have drawn on the NSPCC 'Talk Pants' resources to understand that their bodies belong to them.

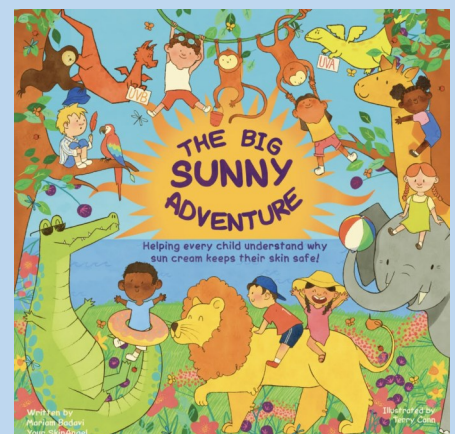
Keeping safe in the sun

We are excited to share that we have a skin ambassador and author, Mariam Badavi, visiting Chestnut Nursery School on the afternoon of **Tuesday 7th July**.

Mariam will be reading her book **The Big Sunny Adventure** to the children and talking to them about the importance of sun protection for the skin.

Mariam will also be giving parents/carers the opportunity to buy signed copies of her book, along with UV bracelets, at the end of the day before pick-up. Books cost £10.99 and bracelets are £5.99. Please note Mariam does not have a card reader so purchases need be made with cash.

Proceeds from the books go to **SKCIN (The Karen Clifford Skin Cancer Charity)**.



to

June's Gallery



I love to draw lots of pictures.



I can pour myself a drink.



I can balance all by myself.



We are making Superworm.



Deep in concentration.



This is my happy place!

Other news

Spare Clothes

Thank you to those of you who have recently donated spare clothes and shoes to Chestnut Nursery it is much appreciated.

If your child has borrowed any clothes recently please can you return them so we can keep enough spares for other children too.

Library Books

If you have borrowed library books from our free library please can you make sure you return them before the end of term. Thank you.



Summer Picnic

Don't forget if you want to book food for the picnic you need to let Sarah in the office know by Friday 3rd July so that Debbie has time to order in enough food.

Packed lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch to nursery please don't forget to help them take them out of their bags and put them on the trolley. This not only helps to support your child with their independence but it also helps us to give them a smoother transition at lunch times as we don't have to search for their lunch boxes. Thank you.

Chestnut Sustainability news

Last month the children enjoyed making a hedgehog house for the Apple Garden. They took their design from The Natural History Museum and worked cooperatively to move bricks across the garden and build the house. It looks great and we have our fingers crossed that it might attract new visitors to live in our garden.



Dates for your diary

Ongoing— every Monday stay and play session 9.30-11.00am

Tuesday 14th July

- Summer Picnic and Leavers Ceremony @ 12 noon

Wednesday 22nd July

- Last day of term

Monday 7th September

-First day back



