



Pre-School Curriculum Newsletter **Summer Term 2024 (first half)**

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to the first part of our Summer term. We are really looking forward to having some nicer weather and spending lots of time outside. Please can you apply sun cream prior to your child attending the setting. This allows for it to settle on the skin, so we can access the outdoor area quickly. We will then re-apply. The children will need a named bottle of sun cream and a sun hat. We are happy for you to leave these in the Pre-school.

We ask for children not to bring any toys from home. If there is something special that they would like to show at Group Time, then please give this directly to an adult. We are happy to do this and will then put this item safely away after.

We really appreciate all the lovely photos and observations that have been added to the children's learning journals on Tapestry. We really enjoy finding out what the children have been up to with you at home and the children enjoy sharing their learning and achievements with us.

If you have any questions about using Tapestry, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We will endeavour to answer any questions that you may have.

We are welcoming some new families to the Pre-school over the next few weeks. Please do say hello and introduce yourself to them, if you get the opportunity.

We are about to launch our Pre-school Lending Library. The children are invited to borrow a book, enjoy at home and then swap. This is to promote a love of reading and picking a book with family at Pre-school. We will then talk about the books at Carpet Time.

Learning Theme – Under the Sea

This half term, our theme is 'Under the Sea'. Within this theme we will be introducing the children to some new books including; 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister, 'Commotion in the Ocean' by Giles Andreae and 'Octopants'

by Suzy Senior. We will be looking at a variety of animals, plants and others items you can find under the sea, and we have lots of fantastic, exciting activities planned for the children to take part in to develop their learning!

The children will be creating their very own 'Under the Sea' display which we will be completing over the next few weeks, we look forward to showing you! Alongside this, we will be completing different crafts such as jellyfish threading, paper plate creatures and colourful fish. Our theme lends itself very well to sensory activities including sea animals in jelly, water activities and gloop which we are sure the children will enjoy telling you all about.

If you have any craft products which you no longer require, we would be very grateful. We currently need card, paint and glitter. This would help us with fulfilling the activities we aim to do with the children. We would also like to thank you for the generous donations that have been made to Pre-school. The setting is looking amazing!

After this half term our theme is 'Natural World' where we will be looking at the world around us. We will be introducing the children to 3 books which are 'The Street Beneath My Feet' by Charlotte Guillain, 'Erroll's Garden' by Gillian Hibbs, and 'A New Green Day' by Antoinette Portis.

Ideas for Supporting Your Child at Home

School Leavers:

With the School year coming to an end, we are beginning to prepare the school age children for their transitions to Primary school. To help support your children at home we ask if you can encourage their independence by setting them little daily tasks like putting on their coats and putting on their shoes ready for Primary school.

Practicing their Phonics every day will give them a great start in September. The children have made great progress in this.

Reminders

Change of clothes:

At Pre-school we play out in all weathers and although aprons and splash suits are provided, there are times when they don't stop the children getting wet or dirty and need a change of clothes.

Please can you ensure that your child/ren have a named complete change of clothes (including underwear and socks) in pre-school every day. They can be stored on your child's peg in a named bag and will be sent home when needed.

Nappies:

Children who are wearing nappies are required to bring nappies and wipes from home and these will be stored in a unit in the bathroom or in your child's day bag. A member of the Pre-school team will make you aware either by Tapestry or face to face, if and when more nappies or wipes are required.

We are very happy to support with toilet training. If you are considering this with the warmer weather approaching, then please do let us know.

Water bottles:

We ask if you can make sure all children are bringing in a **named bottle** containing only **WATER** every day. Children can use this throughout the session. We will top up if required.

Wellies:

Can we ask that every child has a pair of **named** wellies that stay at Pre-school. Throughout the day we have lots of fun exploring our environment, rain or shine. We have access to the school field, outdoor learning as well as our own garden, so these wellies may be needed at any time.

Label items:

This is a polite reminder to make sure all belongings that your children are bringing in are labelled. With the Pre-school getting busier it is very helpful for your children to have all personal items labelled so that the chances of them getting lost are minimised. A box of unclaimed items is at the bottom of the trolley.

Being prepared for all weather conditions:

With the weather beginning to get warmer we ask that you are making sure your children have sun cream on and sun hats as well as ensuring you are providing your child with a sun cream that we can access at Pre-School. However, we are aware that the weather is very quick to change, so please just ensure that your child is equipped for all weather conditions.

Thank you from the Pre-school team.

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 Communication and Language This half term we will be working on learning new languages as well as extending our own vocabulary. Including languages from different countries and Makaton.	 Physical Development We will be practising our gross motor skills through obstacle courses and playing mini football games.	 Personal, Social and Emotional Development This half term we will be looking at ourselves and what we are proud of that we have achieved.
Literacy Our school leavers will be practising writing their names. All children will be able to explore mark making in our outside space. Phonics We are practising blending with the sounds we are secure in through listening to the sounds and putting them together to make simple cvc words.	 Mathematics We will be focusing on numbers 1-3 + and becoming really secure in our knowledge, being able to subitize dots, groups of animals and counting out different objects.	Understanding the World We will be exploring how the natural world changes through Spring into Summer by looking at caterpillars turning into butterflies and growing a variety of plants. Expressive Arts and Design Using lots of different collage materials, we will be creating a variety of sea creatures.