



February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new half term and hopefully we will enjoy some nice weather to give more opportunity for outdoor play.

Topics

Our topics/themes for this half term will be 'Books and Stories' and 'Spring'. As part of our theme on books and stories we have several events/activities planned.

Book Week

Week commencing 26th February, all this week children can come into Pre-School dressed as a book character and bring in their favourite story from home (children can bring books in for the next few weeks). Children will all be given £1 book token.

Book Challenge

Week commencing 4th March, we would like to encourage as many parents/carers as possible to read 4 books with their child and comments on what their child thought of the book. When a child has had 4 books read to them, they will be given a certificate. This challenge will go on for a few weeks.

Learning Journeys

Learning Journeys are an important part of our Pre-School information. You are welcome to look at your child's Learning Journey at any time and we are looking at ways to make them accessible to you. If you would like to take them home please speak to a member of staff. We would also be grateful if all parents/carers could fill in either a Settling In form or Ongoing Record of Development form. This will help us work in partnership with you in the best way to support your child's development and will be part of their Learning Journey.

Find-It

For a bit of fun over half term children will have recently taken home a 'Find-It Challenge' and sponsor form. If you would rather, your child could do the 'Find-It' challenge and you could give a small donation towards resources for the children.

A Few Reminders

- Please could you clearly name all your child's clothing, your child's lunchbox (there are several similar ones and we don't want to get them mixed up) and anything else they bring to Pre-School
- Due to allergies we would be very grateful if you do not put anything containing nuts into your child's lunchbox. Please cut up children's grapes and small sausages etc.
- Please do not send your child to Pre-School in their best clothes. Although we try to encourage them to wear aprons during messy play we can't guarantee that they won't get messy
- Please can you bring a spare change of clothes in with your child
- We aim to give the children the opportunity to go outside everyday so please make sure that they have appropriate outdoor clothing including a pair of wellington boots.
- Valentine's Day raffle – this will be drawn on Thursday 8th February.

Dates for you Diary

Inset day – Thursday 28th March

Easter holidays – 29th March to 14th April

Inset day – Monday 15th April

Thank you

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