

Meals and Snacks

Please name all food items/pots and cut up small, round foods such as grapes, strawberries and cherry tomatoes. Please avoid sending in nuts.

Rhyme Time

Rhymes are fantastic vocabulary boosters. They often feature a rhythmic pattern and simple repetitive phrases that children find easy to remember and repeat. We often act out these rhymes and use our fingers when counting. With this Link-Up are the songs that we are singing this half-term; please encourage your child to sing them with you at home.

The children have quickly settled at Pre-School and we are beginning to get to know their individual personalities.

Please do not hesitate to speak to us, if you have any questions or would like to know more about how your child is settling and developing. The best time for this is at the beginning of a session.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Covill (Pre-School Leader) and the Pre-School team (Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mrs Burgess).

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



LINK-UP AUTUMN TERM 2021

Pre-School - Mrs Covill

Pre-School Autumn Term Link Up

Our theme this term is 'Marvellous Me'.

Other themes will include Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Children in Need, Halloween and Christmas celebrations.

The Early Years Foundation Curriculum is divided into seven areas of learning and our experiences are planned around these, in order to develop a range of skills.

The Prime Areas will be our focus during the settling-in period for new children.

Prime Areas

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This area will be our primary focus this half term. Children will begin to separate from you with increased confidence and build good relationships with their peers and adults. They will begin to follow our routines and rules and select resources independently, asking adults for help as needed.

There will be games and activities to support the children to name and understand a range of emotions and how to recognise how others might be feeling.

Communication and Language

This area supports the children's development in listening and attention, understanding and speaking. Adults will be commenting on what children are interested in and we will be echoing back what they say with new vocabulary added, building their language.

Each day we hold a short 'Circle Time', when we play a range of games, many of which focus on developing speaking, listening and following instructions.

Physical Development

Physical activity is vital in children's all-round development, building their core strength, stability, balance, spatial awareness, co-ordination and agility. During the session, the children have the choice to play inside or outside using both their gross and fine motor skills with lots of opportunities to climb, ride bikes, cut, thread, paint, draw and use playdough. We will also teach the children how to maintain a healthy body and develop their self-care skills. Perhaps your child can teach you our handwashing song!

Specific Areas

Mathematics, Understanding the World, Literacy and Expressive Arts and Design

Once all the children are settled into the routine, they will have the opportunity to take home a Pre-School book each week to share with you and enjoy talking about the pictures as well as 'reading' the story. Please encourage your child to handle the book carefully. We read frequently to children, as a whole group and individually, and engage them actively in stories, non-fiction books, rhymes and poems and bring them alive with props and puppets and acting out the stories.

You can support your child's development in Maths by taking advantage of the environment around you, pointing out numbers and shapes that you see, commenting on sizes and developing their interest in counting. As you sing songs with your child, encourage them to use their fingers as they join in with number rhymes.

Expressive Arts and Design explores messy play, creativity, music and imagination. Children will frequently have opportunities to explore with paint, gloop, water, sand, mud, clay and shaving foam, etc. The role play area, which currently represents the home environment, provides many opportunities for the children to develop their imagination, act out home experiences, build friendships and share resources.

As the children gain an understanding of the world around them we will play games to raise their awareness of differences and similarities between themselves and others.

General Information

Please ensure your child always has a full set of spare clothes on their peg and that each item is named. As the weather gets colder, please could your child bring in mittens rather than gloves as they can manage these independently. Thank you.

We welcome your empty boxes, yoghurt pots, newspapers, etc. for modelling projects, please. Please send any in by Friday 17th September and we will store them until needed.

Fifty Things to do Before You are Five is a free app to download with lots of fun activities for you to do with your child. From time to time, we will sign post you to this app and suggest you carry out an activity with your child which may link to our current theme.