

General Information

The Pre-School notice board is just inside the front entrance where you will find details of activities and events in the local area for Early Years children.

Healthy Week - 29th January to 2nd February

Parents' Evening - Thursday 22nd February - for children starting school in September 2018. We ask that children do not attend this discussion please.

Stay and Play - Thursday 8th February, 10.30—11.50 am - for children who have started Pre-School this term - you are welcome to stay and play alongside your child to see how they have settled and made friends since starting with us. There will also be the opportunity for your child's key worker to share with you the progress they have made and to discuss their next steps in learning.

Parent Helpers - We welcome parents into Pre-School - the children benefit hugely from the additional support you can give them. You could be supporting their imaginary play, craft and messy activities or reading stories. If you would like to help each week, please come and see me so that we can arrange a mutually convenient day.

World Book Day - Thursday 1st March. Children are invited to dress up as a character from a book or to wear their pyjamas and bring their favourite bedtime story.

Science Week - 12th - 16th March

Rhyme Time - Thursday 22nd March - you are welcome to join our singing session at 11.30am.

Last Day of Term - Thursday 29th March

Please check that your child has a NAMED bag on their peg with a full set of clothes to change into if needed. Thank you.

Mrs Hewitt will be with us in Pre-School as she is currently undertaking training to gain a qualification as an Early Years practitioner. We look forward to her working closely with us and supporting the children's learning.

Staff are always available at the beginning of a session. Please do not hesitate in coming in to speak with us, if you have any questions or would like to know how your child is settling and developing.

Claire Covill
Pre-School Leader

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PRIMARY SCHOOL



LINK-UP

SPRING TERM 2018

Pre-School - Mrs Covill

Pre-School Spring Term Link Up

This term we are learning about seasonal changes from autumn to winter to spring. Other activities will be based around the theme of 'Superheroes'. We will celebrate the following special events: Chinese New Year, Mother's Day, Healthy Week, Science Week, World Book Day and Easter. You are also invited to attend our Maths workshop on 16th January.

The Early Years Foundation curriculum is divided into seven areas of learning and our activities are planned to develop a range of skills within these areas of learning. The Prime Areas will be our focus during the settling in period for new children.

Prime Areas

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Each day, key workers play 'Circle Time' games with their small group of children and through this the children will gain confidence with their new friends, begin to take turns to speak, wait for their turn in a game and listen to others. For those children already established into this routine of group time, we continue to play a variety of games to engage and challenge them in all areas of their development. The children will think about themselves as a superhero and the special things they can do. We will also discuss who else they think is a superhero! If your job role is of a suitable nature to share with the children, we would be very grateful if you could come into Pre-School and briefly tell the children a little bit about your job as a 'superhero'!

Communication and Language

The children will begin to listen and enjoy stories which are read to them in a small group and they will respond to comments and questions about these books. Their vocabulary is enhanced through a range of stories and they will begin to focus for longer periods of time, recalling familiar stories and events and acting these out in their imaginary play. The role play areas are set up to provide lots of opportunity for the children to develop their communication skills as they work together and begin to solve problems.

Physical Development

The children's gross motor skills are enhanced through activities such as climbing, dance, riding bicycles, using building resources and using balls. Their fine motor skills are developed through opportunities to use scissors and through their enjoyment of painting, drawing, collaging and using playdough. We support the children to manage their personal hygiene independently. Please help us by teaching your child how to wipe their nose and dispose of the tissue, to put on their coat, hat and mittens and to wash their hands following our sequence of 'push up sleeves, wet hands, soap, wash, turn off tap and dry'. Children will learn about 'Super-bodies!' and how to keep their bodies healthy through exercise and healthy eating.

Specific Areas

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

The children have the opportunity to take home a Pre-School book every day for you to share with them. To expand on this, you can encourage your child to anticipate what might happen next, recall familiar parts of the story and join in with words and phrases they are familiar with. Older children may begin to recognise and name familiar letters.

'Wow!' Board

We welcome contributions to our 'Wow!' board from time to time; this often involves bringing in something your child has completed at home so we can celebrate their achievements. This may be a picture they have drawn, a photograph of an experience they have enjoyed or something they have recently accomplished such as learning to ride their bike or being awarded a certificate.

Maths Workshop - Tuesday 16th January at 1.30pm - You are invited to join your child during the afternoon session where we will demonstrate activities and games which you could play at home with your child to support their understanding of Maths. This is open to all the children who are starting school this September. There will also be the opportunity for children to enjoy the Maths activities in the Reception Class. Mrs Riches will deliver a short presentation in the hall at 1.30 pm, after which you can come and join in with the activities with your child in the classrooms.