



# Pre-School Post



Hello,

We began a new focus this week looking at nursery rhymes as part of national nursery rhyme week, and whilst many of you may think your child knows them, there are many elements to these important milestones in the early years. To quote the National literacy trust, "Nursery rhymes are extremely valuable to support language and communication skills, build confidence and prepare children for reading and writing as they get older." Children need to hear, see, sing and act out these life experiences and we chose to start with a bakers shop in our role play. The children have been showing interest in cookery prior to this, and of course we have been making Pudsey biscuits for children in need. The flour play has encouraged so much language and mathematical development it's been great to see. This forms part of our top 10 early year's curriculum for 3 and 4 year olds. Being able to maintain attention, participate with rhyme and songs to begin making their own rhyming connections. Language is a strong focus as part of our literacy development and this is underpinning everything we do in pre-school from verbal conversations but spotting print and forming imaginative stories of their own.

Click the link for more information

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/parents-partners-how-get-families-reading-together-early-years/>

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## Reminder

Sept 2024 school starters must apply for their school place  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admission/applicationprocess/inyear>

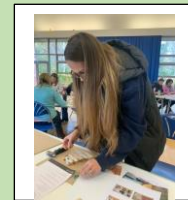
## Toys

We have plenty of toys at pre-school, please could we ask that all personal toys are left at home to avoid upset when lost, forgotten and situations where they may not be comfortable sharing their own toys. Thank you.

## Staff training and Inset day

I thought I would share with you what happens on a typical inset day, there is no lie in's or extra days off like we have been asked. This last inset day all the foundation stage team attended a woodwork course designed for early years. We learnt about the skills and advantages of having it as part of our provision. Luckily we were better at the theory part of this instead of our actual woodwork skills!

Please see the attached letter as both Pre-school and Sprat and Winkle are looking to resource some essentials to make this new addition to our curriculum.



## Christmas party

The children's Christmas party will be on the morning of 14<sup>th</sup> December if your child does not normally attend this session and they would like to be part of it please let a member of staff know. All children are welcome.

## Diary dates

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Yr R and Pre-sch pop up café all donations and helpers needed.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 3:30pm	Christmas carols around the tree.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas jumper day Christmas lunch
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pre-school Christmas party
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm	Last day of term All finish at 1pm

## Please, please, please name clothes!

As the colder weather appears we obviously wrap up warm and this includes hats, gloves, scarfs and more. Children do not always recognize new items or things they haven't used in a while. This will help at the end of session rush and prevents lost items or confusion.

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