

Pre-School Post

Hello,

Our water focus has extended to another level! we are not just learning about sea creatures and how to save water but how we can use it to stay hydrated and cool down. The weather has been glorious but a little hot at times. Amber weather warnings have given us the opportunity to slip, slide and splash in the pool.

The children have loved this time in the pool with pre-school friends. Who knew Calpol syringes could be so much fun when chasing a friend or teacher filled and the children are ALWAYS ready for action! Whilst all this fun is happening the children are also learning and developing muscle strength, pulling and sucking up water in syringes, squeezing sponges, painting fences with rollers using large arm movements. All these early skills are essential ready for writing and smaller coordination and control movements.

We have been making ice-lollies, which children are pouring and filling and placing in the freezer, so learning about science concepts from liquid to solid.

Keep cool and enjoy the heat safely.

Kerry Evans

Age milestones – is your child age appropriate?

As experienced practitioners in child development and education we are always closely observing and listening out for new skills, and the small steps which encourage progression in learning. We have previously shared our top 10 curriculum with you and continue to point out skills being developed through activities using Class dojo entries.

For those of you who would like to encourage and recognize the important milestones that children should go through at different ages and stages I have attached a link for you to browse. All children develop at different rates but this guide has been created as a general rule of developmental markers.

<https://foundationyears.org.uk/files/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>

It can help you to observe changes in your children or encourage areas that you can see are not yet achieved. This is especially helpful for those going to school in September and you can continue to work towards promoting a successful start to their learning and school journey.

Library and summer reading challenge

The borrowing of a school library book is going well and nearly all of you are regularly borrowing and returning books – thank you for engaging so brilliantly! This is great to encourage new reading and repetition of a book so your child can join in, ask questions and learn new words – Don't be afraid to use big words this enriches their knowledge. I recently used the word 'evaporation' with a child and they went home and shared this big word they had learnt at pre-school with good understanding of its meaning.

The local library service will be running their annual summer reading challenge. This can be completed both in person and online. Children as young as early years can take part and parents can support them with developing a love of books, reading and engaging in an imaginative world.

If you take part, we love to know in September both in year R and pre-school where we will celebrate and continue the learning.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/preschool-zone>

End of year party

The end of term is always a mixture of emotions as we prepare to say goodbye to our older friends who move on to school. Some have been with us over 2 years and we have watched them grow from toddlers to young and more confident little people.

On Thursday 18th July we will be holding an end of year party to celebrate another successful year. Everyone is welcome even if this is not your usual morning to attend. Those usually booked should arrive at the usual time. Children not normally booked can arrive at 9:30 and should be collected at 11:30am to allow us to prepare lunch for those staying. We will have an entertainer to enable us to be free to really enjoy our last moments with them.

If you would like your child to attend please ensure to let a member of staff know for catering purposes.

'Big school' Stay and Play sessions

If your child is already in pre-school on our School's afternoon sessions, Pre-school staff will transition the children round to year R Sprat and Winkle class with all their belongings. Mrs Jefferies will match you with your child at the end of the stay and play session.

Exciting times!

We need your recycling!



Pre-school are in need of junk modelling, recycling items for our very busy creators. If you have any small boxes, or containers that children can re purpose that would be fab!

We are also looking to replenish any kitchen utensils for our mud kitchen and role play.

Jugs, wooden spoons, sieves, colanders, small saucepans, slotted spoons, whisks, travel kettles, baking trays, small bowls or a even drying rack. Please let us know if you can help.



Sun cream Reminder

It is parental responsibility to apply sun cream **before** arrival at pre-school. This is best applied as they get dressed. This is part of safeguarding children to stay safe and promote healthy habits.

Staff re-apply to those attending all day.

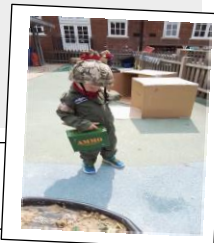
Dates for the diary

Wednesday 9 th July 9:15-10:15am	YR R Stay and play @Stockbridge
Friday 11 th July 9-10am	YR R stay and play @Stockbridge
Monday 14 th July am	Sports Day
Monday 14 th July 2-3pm	YR R stay and play @Stockbridge
Wednesday 16 th July 2-3pm	YR R stay and play @Stockbridge
Thursday 17 th July am	Pre-school End of Year part Pre-school End of Year part
Thursday 17 th July 3:30pm	Summer sizzler
Friday 18 th July 1pm	Last Day of term

Armed forces Day 28th June 2025

For those of you interested there are many events happening to show our support for those serving and their families. This is our chance to show support and give thanks for the important role they play in our community. Don't forget to upload to dojo any significant events or learning that happen.

<https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/>



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