



## **Pre-School Curriculum Newsletter**

### **Summer Term (First Half) 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break! With the new term underway, we're excited to share all the wonderful things happening in Pre-School as we head into the warmer months. Over the half term the outdoor area has been improved by Lashley's Landscapes and we now have a large, raised planter to help children grow a wide variety of different fruits and vegetables. This is going to help us as we push forward into the summer term, especially with our new learning theme detailed below.

#### **Learning Theme – Around the World**

This half term, we'll be embarking on a global adventure with our new theme, 'Around the World'. Within this theme we will be introducing the children to some traditional story books including Errol's Garden by Gillian Hibbs, Where's Lenny? by Alanna Max and Lulu Loves The Library by Anna McQuinn.

The children have been busy in recent weeks, and have been planting some seeds that have been growing indoors, these are almost ready to be placed into our planter for the plants to mature fully. We cannot wait to use these in different recipes throughout our weeks in Pre-school and if we are lucky be able to share these with you at home.

Within this learning theme children will be learning all about different cultures, countries, languages and families. We have a large world map in Pre-school which you may have seen during parents evening sessions. This is something that we will use to explore all the different cultures we have within Pre-school. Anything you wish to share to help with these experiences would be lovely.

This learning theme will help children develop their Personal, Social and Emotional Development. Allow development opportunities in areas such as Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design and also encourage conversations that will extend Communication and Language development.

The children who will be going to school in September 2025 will be recapping their phonics sessions with the initial sounds of all the letters of the alphabet before moving onto the concepts of blending as we begin to reach the final weeks of the academic year.

We're also continuing to follow Scribble Club. Encouraging the children to make marks during their play, not only at the mark making table. Scribble Club helps to encourage imaginative play as well as mark making. We have already had some great adventures by scribbling puddles, keys and special buttons. We are looking forward to seeing where the children's imagination will scribble for us next.

### **Ideas for Supporting Your Child at Home.**

Reading – The lending library is available throughout the week; this will offer a wide variety of books for you and your child to enjoy together. Reading is important at all ages of development as it broadens the child's vocabulary as well as giving you some valuable time together.

Encourage your child to be independent – Can they dress and undress themselves? Can they eat with a knife and fork? Can they take themselves to the toilet independently? These are part of our school readiness goals, and we encourage all of these daily within Pre-school.

### **Reminders**

Please provide wellies for your child to change into at Pre-school. We go outside in all weathers and while we do have a limited number of spares. We cannot always guarantee enough being available if your child requires them. This may mean they miss out on the outdoor learning experiences they all thoroughly enjoy.

As the weather begins to warm, and the sun comes out can we begin to look at bringing in bottles of named sunscreen for your children. As the summer approaches, we remind you all that when required your children should be coming into Pre-school with sunscreen already applied. Staff will then reapply throughout the day as required.

Please label all items. As the Pre-school gets busier, having named items will minimize the chance of belongings not being returned to the correct owner.

Please ensure the prompt return of the password forms that are handed out to you. It is important that we have the correct password and permission for the adults you wish to collect your child. For safeguarding reasons, without prior notice of any other person collecting your child we are unable to release them.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **Summer Term 2025**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**May Day**

**May Half Term**

**Training Day**

Summer Term Continues

Term Ends