



Pre-School Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term (Second Half Term) 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second part of our Spring term.

It has been lovely to see all our children return after the half term break and be ready for the next half term – Although it is a short half term there are plenty of things for children to be involved with. There have been some changes to the pre-school room and children have really been occupied with exploring the larger area that has been provided for them. Children are also enjoying our new snack menu as they continue to explore lots of different food options whilst in Pre-school.

Learning Theme – Animals

This half term our theme will be 'Animals', within this theme we will be introducing the children to some traditional story books including *Driving in My Tractor* by Jan Dobbins, *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell and *Would You Rather* by John Burningham.

Activities will be set out for all children to freely access as part of the Pre-school's continuous provision. Children will be looking at different environments, habitats and ecosystems as part of their learning around the topic.

The children who will be going to school in September 2025 will be recapping their phonics sessions with the initial sounds S,A,T,P,I,N and we will begin to introduce them to M,D,G,O,C,K,E. We follow the Little Wandle – Letters and sounds scheme which places emphasis and supports children with learning how to listen and differentiate between sounds.

We're also continuing to follow the Scribble Club Programme 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

Spring Term 2025

Friday 4th April
Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April

Term Ends
Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April
Wednesday 23rd April
Monday 5th May
Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May
Monday 2nd June
Tuesday 3rd June
Wednesday 23rd July

Training Day
Summer Term Starts
May Day
May Half Term
Training Day
Summer Term Continues
Term Ends