

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas . We would like to inform you that our new topic this half term is “All About Me.” The children will have the chance to talk about their family as well as showing us pictures of their family members. We will also be learning about the different emotions we go through and how we can be kind to each other.

Communication & Language

To develop communication and language skills the children will be taking part in Circle Time on a daily basis: We will introducing Billy bear. Billy bear will go home with a child over the weekend to take part in lots of lovely activities. The children will be able to talk about what they did with Billy bear during circle time.

Physical Development

To develop the children’s physical skills they will be taking part in tummy time on a regular basis which is also a great activity for you to do at home. We are also going to be building castles out of pasta and playdough as well as getting the children to be independent putting their coats on to go outside.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We are going to be working on our personal, social and emotional skills this term helping the children to seek out others to share their experiences. The children will wok on their turn taking and sharing skills; please encourage sharing opportunities at home and give lots of praise.

Understanding the World

We will be looking at pictures of our families, talking about who each family member is. The children will also have the opportunity to talk about any celebrations that happen at home. If you have any pictures of special family evens or family photo’s we would really appreciate it if you could bring them in for us to look at.

Literacy

Every week we have a song of the week which we will send out to you, please encourage your child to sing this with you at home. Alongside this we are reading “ We’re Going on a Bear Hunt” The children already enjoy getting involved with the words and actions when reading the story.

Mathematics

To develop the children’s maths skills we are going to be building castles using different shapes, comparing the different sizes of the children’s feet and making a height chart with the children. During our circle times we will be learning some new number rhymes such as the “One, Two, Three, Four, Five” and “Five Little Ducks” We would love for you to continue practising these at home.

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Expressive Arts & Design

Once a week we have a music session with Helen, Helen will be singing new songs with the children that relate to our new topic. We will be getting very creative this half term by making self portraits using paper plates and cooking pizza faces to take home.

How can I help my child at home?



General comments

Nursery Hours

The morning session starts at 8:50 and finishes at 11:50 and the afternoon session is from 12:10 until 3:10. If you could please make sure you are on time when dropping off and collecting your child from Pre-nursery. We now offer flexi hours for the children, if you are interested in the flexi hours please speak to a member of staff.

2 Build a Profile

If you have provided your email address and followed the invite we have sent to you, you should be receiving all the learning experiences your child has had over this past term. We would love to see your comments and please feel free to add your own observations of what your child is learning at home.

Spare Clothes

Please can you make sure that your child has spare clothes in their bags as well as spare nappies and wipes if needed. If you have borrowed any of Pre-nurseries spare clothes please can you return them to a member of staff as we are running low. If you have any old clothes or wellies that your child no longer needs please bring them in, we are always after more spare clothes.

Photo's

As we are learning "All About Me" we would be really interested in looking at any family and baby photo's you have. Please bring them in by Friday 20th January.

Read, Read, Read!

Sharing books is a wonderful way to develop children's vocabulary and imagination. Children are welcome to borrow reading books from the Pre nursery, you will just have to let a member of staff know which book they have chosen.

Top tips for sharing books with your child.

- ◆ Find a quiet place. Turn off the TV or radio so there are no distractions.
- ◆ As well as reading the story, talk about the pictures.
- ◆ Give your child time to respond to your questions.
- ◆ It's good to share your favourite stories again and again. Repetition helps children to understand and remember the language they hear.

Top tips for sharing songs and rhymes with your child.

- ◆ Your voice is your baby's favourite music so sing to them, even if you don't like your own voice.
- ◆ Make rhymes fun make up actions that your child can follow, add in your child's name or make props for the rhymes.

You can see what your children have been up to on the blog, you can access the school blog through our school website

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