

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter. We would like to inform you that our new topic this half term is 'People Who help Us'. We will be turning our role play area inside into a fire station and outside will turn into a police station. We will be planning activities around this topic and hopefully by the end of the term the children will have some understanding about which people help us and why.

Communication & Language

To develop communication and language skills, we will be working on our understanding by looking at different pictures and trying to identify the different actions in the pictures. The children will be taking part in regular adult-led activities, which will help the children to develop their listening and attention skills.

Physical Development

To develop children's physical skills, we will be turning the cars and bikes into police cars. To help develop the children's fine motor skills, they will be writing letters to post home. This will involve the children walking to the post box. We will be developing our health and self-care development by learning about the dentist and why its important to brush our teeth . We will be carrying out an activity using pictures of teeth, where the children need to use a toothbrush to clean the teeth.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We are going to be working on our personal, social and emotional skills this term by encouraging children to make relationships with the other children. They will have lots of opportunities to practise their social skills with our adult led activities and our fire station and police station role play.

Understanding the World

We will be looking at the different occupations people do which help us. We will be finding out how they can help us and what each of them are called. Each week of this term we will learn about one of the people who help us. We are hoping to invite into school a nurse, firefighter, police officer and post person during the term to talk about what they do and show us some of the equipment they use.

Literacy

This half term we are reading 'Emergency'. The children will be helping to make props to support the story. We will be encouraging the children to repeat words and phrases from familiar stories, as well as letting the children choose their favourite stories at the end of the session.

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Mathematics

To develop the children's maths skills, we are going to be looking at selecting a number of police officers from a larger group of police officers, this will be carried out during a group time activity. We will also be encouraging the children to recite some numbers in sequence by singing our 'Five Little Fire Fighters' song, which we will be singing on a regular basis.

Expressive Arts & Design

Once a week we have a music session with Helen where the children can express themselves through music. The children will have the opportunity to make fire extinguishers out of plastic bottles, fire engines out of cardboard boxes, ambulances, post boxes, lolly pop sticks, fire fighter handprints and much more. If you have any bottles or other materials at home that you no longer need, we would really appreciate it if you could bring them in for us to use.

How can I help my child at home?

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.

Nursery clothes

As the weather will start to get warmer, we will be introducing more wet and messy play outside. Please can you make sure your child comes in clothes that are suitable for pre-nursery as they may get dirty. Could you please apply sun cream on your child on particularly sunny days.

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.

End of term story time.

At the end of each half term you will receive a letter inviting you to join us at the end of a Pre-nursery session, to read our topic story.

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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