

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and hello to our new families! We hope you had a lovely Summer. We would like to inform you that our new theme this half term is 'Nursery Rhymes' The children will be learning different nursery rhymes each week. We will also be planning activities around all the different nursery rhymes.

### Communication & Language

To develop communication and language skills, the children will be taking part in Circle Time on a daily basis: Talking about what the children did over the Summer and welcoming new friends into Pre-nursery. We will be encouraging the children to use their words, as well learning Makaton signs to help them communicate.

### Physical Development

To develop the children's physical skills, they will 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 pouring water down the drain pipes to wash Incy Wincy out.

### 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

This half term we are going to be looking at our Unique Child booklets, sharing the pictures of our families with our friends. We also have our home corner set up, this allows the children to engage in pretend play along side the other children.

### 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 introducing a book a fortnight, this is where we will choose a story to read with the children at story time for two weeks. The children will get to learn, act out and retell the story. You can find out what story we are reading by looking at our weekly planning which is displayed on our parents board.

### Mathematics

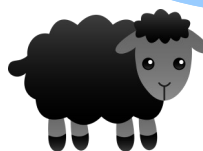
To develop the children's maths skills we are going to be looking at the different sizes of Baa, Baa Black sheep, filling three bags full of wool and counting the legs on Incy Wincy Spider. During our circle time we will be playing a Humpty Dumpty puzzle game, the children will need to fit the different size pieces together to put Humpty Dumpty back together again.

### Expressive Arts & Design

Once a week we have a music session with Helen; Helen will be teaching us different nursery rhymes every week.

We will be getting very creative this half term. We are going to be making twinkle stars using the glue and glitter, A wall for Humpty Dumpty and Incy Wincy Spiders out of clay.

## Pre-nursery Autumn 1 Nursery Rhymes



## 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 your on time when dropping off and collecting your child from Pre-nursery.

#### 2 Build a Profile

If you have provided your email address and followed the invite link 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.

#### Warm Clothes

Please can you make sure you bring your children's jumpers and coats with you when you bring them into Pre-nursery, the weather has become colder and we like to take the children out into the garden in all weathers. If your child has a pair of wellies at home we would really appreciate it if they could bring them in on a rainy day as we have a limited amount of spare wellies. Thank you.

### 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.

### ECaT Workshop

Please come along to our ECaT workshop for parents on Monday the 16th October at 9:15 in the PP room. The work shop is about helping develop communication skills- a free pack will be included!

### Websites

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

<http://www.shirleywarren.co.uk/>