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SPRING TERM 2022 EDITION 1
06/01/22

WELCOME

Dear Parent/Carers,

Happy New Year! As always, our curriculum will be varied and compliments the children’s current interests and learning styles. We will observe annual celebrations and plan to progress their development in all areas of learning.

Please welcome our four new families. Bea, Freddie, Ella and Marcie we hope you enjoy your journey with us.

STAFF UPDATE

During January **Mel will be ‘Acting Manager’** in the setting, whilst I work on light admin duties from home and recover from an operation. Both Mel and I have access to manager@horringerpreschool.co.uk so please continue using it for all your enquiries and communications.

Spring Staff training:

- Supporting children with English as an additional language (EAL)
- Safeguarding Children
- Transitions with Children with Special Educational Needs (SEND)

CORONAVIRUS MEASURES FOR JANUARY

An email was sent out to parents on **05.01.22** detailing our preschool guidelines to follow.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

At our AGM we welcomed Carolynne Roberts (Izzy’s mummy) as our new chairperson. Laura George (Evie’s mummy) has become a general member and Annabel Howell (Oliver’s mummy) has become our secretary. I look forward to working alongside Carolynne and the team of trustees and officers and hope they find it rewarding, informative and fun!

We are still looking for general members, please email me on manager@horringerpreschool.co.uk if you are interested 😊

BAD WEATHER CLOSURE PROCEDURE

In the instance of snowy weather, we may need to close Horringer Preschool. If your child is due to attend that day, before leaving home, either check your emails, our private Facebook page or our website to find out if we are open or closed.



SELF CARE AND ROUTINES

Settling your children into preschool life again after the Christmas break is a priority. We encourage them to follow routines and the expectations of the setting. We have lots of visual resources to help the children’s understanding and staff adapt their communication techniques to suit individual ages and stages of development.

Every day we help your children to become confident and independent in their self-care.



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Giving your child **TIME** to dress themselves is very important. Give them tasks to do, finding a 'pair' of their shoes and having a go at putting them on. Maybe tidying up their mess, washing hands, encourage them to undo/do up zips and buttons and hang their own belongings on their peg. Don't forget lots of positivity and praise, it goes a long way. Together we can achieve more...



Our Home Learning Hub will be available every month for parents to access. This will be useful if your child is unable to attend preschool for any reason. You will also find a library of fun activities at <https://www.horringerpreschool.co.uk/home-learning-hub/>

LUNCH CLUB



Horringer Pre-school has a healthy eating policy and is a **NUT FREE** setting. **WATER** only in named bottles please.

Please keep it simple, children can get overwhelmed with a lot of food in their lunch box. If packing yoghurts please also pack a spoon.



THE CURRICULUM

Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.

We are following the children's love of stories at the moment and concentrating on familiar books. We often use 'playful story telling' which involves a prop box, basket or story sack. This can help children who find it difficult to sit still or listen, making it a great hands-on tactile experience for all developmental stages. Repeating stories helps children develop their rhyme and alliteration skills.



W/C 10.01.22 SETTLING IN: Children will have lots of opportunities to have conversations about family time, themselves and the wider community. We will encourage this through the children's favourite interests, painting, drawing, home role play and construction.

W/C 17.01.22: WINTER: Winter lasts only a few months of the year for us, but we will look at animal species that live in the cold their entire lives. Learning: Animal facts, counties and weather facts.



W/C 25.01.21 HIBERNATION: Hibernation is a way animals conserve energy to survive adverse weather conditions or lack of food. We will look at familiar animals such as hedgehogs, tortoises also wilder animals. The children can enjoy Going on a Bear Hunt, movement to music, create pictures and make caves to act out the story. The story is On Demand All 4 to watch with your family.



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W/C 31.01.22 CHINESE NEW YEAR: This year is the year of the Tiger. We will observe traditions, tell the story, sample foods and try out some dragon dancing! Your children can watch the story on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/lets-celebrate-chinesenewyearperformance>



W/C 07.02.22 LOOKING AFTER OUR TEETH: How many teeth do we have? How many teeth do animals have? When did we last visit the dentist? How often should we clean our teeth and how? What foods are good for our teeth? These are all questions we will ask as we delve into oral care in a playful way! It is so very important after the pandemic where regular dental visits stopped.



TERM DATES

Spring Term 2022 Begins: Tuesday 4th January 2022 Last day: Friday 8th April 2022

HALF TERM: 21st February to 25th February 2022

PD Day Tuesday 4th Jan 2022

PD Day Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term 2022 Begins: Monday 25th April 2022 Last day: Thursday 21st July 2022

(Bank Holiday closure Monday 2nd May 2022)

HALF TERM: 30th May to 3rd June 2022 **PD Day Friday 27th May 2022**

Take Care

Stephie

HORRINGER PRE-SCHOOL LEADER



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