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SPRING TERM 2022 EDITION 2 28/02/22

WELCOME

Dear Parent/Carers,

We hope you enjoyed half term and stayed safe during the tail end of the storms! We have a busy six weeks ahead, here's what you need to know...

STAFF UPDATE

Spring Staff training:

Early Years Maths – Mel and Michelle are embarking on a six month journey to deeply understand HOW young children make sense of maths. They will develop the tools they need to become fluent and gain true mastery in teaching it!

Early Years Educator Level 3 – Katie is working towards finishing her diploma in October this year. She is developing a greater understanding of child development and practice, gaining skills that enrich your children's learning experiences.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 3rd March we will be celebrating the joy of stories. Your child can dress up or/and bring a favourite book in from home to share with all.

Chat, play, read three simple ways to give your child the best start in life

LIVING WITH COVID 19

COVID-19 continues to be a virus that we learn to live with and reducing disruption to children's education remains.

Parents and Carers: Please adopt safe behaviours to reduce the risk of infection and consider that other families may have vulnerable members. If it is busy and you feel you need to wear a mask please do, wearing a mask may become temporarily advised if there is an outbreak.

If children, staff and other adults have COVID-19 symptoms and test positive they should follow guidance and stay at home, avoiding others https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts

We will: Ensure good hygiene for everyone and maintain appropriate cleaning routines. We will keep occupied spaces well ventilated and follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

PARENT ZOOM MEETINGS

We will be carrying out daytime parent zoom meetings weeks commencing 21st and 28th March. Your child's key person will also prepare a summary of the development your child is making with us and any areas of support we are giving. Evidence shows that when parents and early years settings work together we can achieve great success! More info to follow.





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LETTER OF THE WEEK

Please join in at home, why not help your child find an object beginning with the specific letter of the week **using the SOUND**. Document it on Tapestry or your child can bring it in to talk about it.

S W/C 7th March Letter **H** W/C 14th March

B W/C 21st March **W** W/C 28th March

E W/C 4th April

THE CURRICULM

Our curriculum is varied and compliments the children's current interests and learning styles. We will promote learning through nursery rhymes, stories and letter sounds.

W/C 28.02.22 Stories and World Book Day:

Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills. We will be reading LOTS of stories and encouraging Library role play

W/C 07.03.22: SPRING: Let's look out for signs of spring together both at home and at preschool! Spring is a time when everything is growing and bursting into life. Birds are singing, leaves are unfolding, lambs are being born, you may even find some frogspawn. Check out this fab website

https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/seasonalwildlife/spring W/C 14.03.22 HOLI SPRING FESTIVAL: We will look at Spring through the colourful tradition of Holi. We will promote discussion, look at different emotions, colours, tradition and more!

W/C 21.03.22 SPRING BEGINS: The Spring Equinox marks the days getting longer and the sunshine brings growth and greenery. Birdsong reaches a peak and many flowers appear, in turn attracting insects including bees and butterflies.

W/C 28.03.22 DIFFERENT WEATHER: Plants need sun and rain for growth. Learning opportunities will be through outdoor play, practical activities, discussion, songs, musical instruments and stories.

W/C 04.04.22 EASTER CELEBRATIONS: A Christian celebration observed through different countries. Learning points: beliefs and values, community, family, shapes (crosses and ovals) and chocolate eggs of course!

You are your child's first educators and as always, we look forward to working together with you, to achieve the best outcomes for your child.

Stephie Horringer pre-school leader