

Winter News

Settling in



Thank you for helping your children settle in to preschool so well. They now have a good understanding of our rules and routines.

This half term we are focusing on moving in a range of ways specifically couching and jumping. We will look to progress on to balance beams focusing on core stability and coordination.

We have been listening to a range of instruments listening and identifying the different sounds that they make. This all builds upon the essential prewriting and reading skills needed for school.

Our topic focus is colour—helping the younger children to identify basic colours and the older children will look at what happens when we mix colours. We will also focus on number work, building upon the children's skills within our daily practice.



As the term moves on our topic will change to Christmas. This will give the children opportunity to learn more simple songs and rhymes. The children will extend their knowledge of colours and number through craft and Christmas creations.



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Key Dates

Half term

**12th to the 14th
Christmas open
sessions.**

**15/12/16 Christmas
party. 9.15-11.5**

**15/12/16 Closed
from 12.00.**

**5/1/17 first day new
term.**

**13th-17th February
closed Half term.**

If you have a recognised celebration/ festival that you would like us to acknowledge, please let a member of the team know.

Home Learning

Physical Development—Health and Self Care is one of the prime areas of learning within the early years foundation stage. Ideas to support physical development (independence) at home include:-



Putting Coats on— Children often use the “super hero” method, which involves putting the hood on their head and putting their arms through after.

Physical Development—Moving and Handling is another of the prime areas of learning within the early years foundation stage. Ideas to support physical development (mark making) at home include:-

Encourage your child to make pictures, patterns and marks with a range of media, this could be from a pretend shopping list to making marks with sticks in the mud on a park walk.

Working Together

We understand the importance of working closely with families, you know your child best. Please try and keep your key person informed of any changes in your home life such as a new baby, moving house or losing a pet. You may think things are trivial but they can have an impact on your child’s day.

If you ever have any concerns please speak to your key person. If your key person is unavailable or you would prefer to talk to somebody else Rachel or George are always available in person , phone or email.

Meet Sam

Sam is the settings Deputy Playleader and Health and Safety Champion.

Sam starts work at 8.30 each morning and starts to set up some of our amazing activities and Ideas that the team have previously researched.

Sam is an all rounder within the setting and loves to participate and nurture the children through a wide range of activities. Sam's great organisational skills can be seen through some of the settings display boards.



Meet Katie

Katie is always researching how to make expensive exciting projects cheaper. This includes our fabulous moon dough and flubber.

Katie has a real passion for cooking, and whilst we are fundraising with the co-op for our cooker Katie is always thinking about new ways to incorporate food and cooking skills into our learning. Such as fruit kababs and rice cake creations.



Katie is currently responsible for sourcing our extra fruit and veg into the setting each week, ensuring that a wide variety of healthy food is available for the children to sample.

Polite reminders

To ensure that we safeguard our children please do not go into the children's toilets. Should your child need the toilet and want you to take them please use the disabled toilet.

No mobile phones inside premises please.

Please be punctual at the start and end of the session. This does have an impact on how our sessions run. If children arrive late it can be unsettling for some of our children, especially those who struggle when parents leave. It also takes a member of staff away from the room which prevents them from supporting the children's learning.

Lunch times – We talk about healthy life styles and that we must eat our fruit before our treat, therefore its really important that children have a piece of fruit or veg. We are aware not all children like fruit but please put something in their lunch box even if it is just one carrot stick or a slice of cucumber.

In order to help your children to become more confident and independent, please ensure you dress them in clothes that they can manage independently such as tracksuit bottoms, leggings, Velcro shoes etc..

Thank you

Thank you to all the families that baked or bought cakes after our bake off we raised over £50 which we have used to buy, writing stands, playdough shape cutters and some more role play food. We would like to give a special well done to Otis who won the competition. If your child has not received their certificate for taking part please check trays or see member of staff.

Thank you again to the co-op for providing cakes and judging our event.

Best wishes the Preschool team.

