



Pre-school Autumn 2 Newsletter

Our Pre-school children have settled back into routines beautifully. They have been excited to see their friends again and explore the setting with confidence.

Your child is currently learning through the main topic of: Into the Woods.

Topic: The children will be learning to recall the main events and repeat repetitive phrases in traditional tales. We will focus on Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Gingerbread Man and Little Red Riding Hood. Within the topic we will also look at which creatures may live in the woods and how the forest changes with the different seasons of autumn turning to winter.

Phonics: Phonics starts this half term. We follow Little Wandle Foundations, which is aimed at Pre-school aged children. We introduce a sound per week for the children to hear the initial sounds in words. Each photo or object is revealed starting with the sound of the week. This helps the children to hear the initial sound in a word. Alongside this, children also hear the adults segment and blend simple words e.g. c-a-t.....cat. This introduces the concept of segmenting sounds to blend together as a pre-reading strategy.

Maths: In maths, this half term we will be learning *What's the rule?* to help sort into two groups. For example a pile of leaves and not leaves or teddies and not teddies. We will then move onto introducing subitizing, counting and recognising the numerals for numbers 1 & 2.

You can help at home by...

- Reading traditional tales, asking your children to join in with repetitive phrases.
- Play I-spy.
- Count and subitize by rolling a dice to see the spots or spotting if there is 1 or 2 of something without even having to count it. Can children spot the numerals 1 and 2 out and about or at home?

Half Termly Blog

Please look out for our half termly blogs on the website page under Class Pages to find out what we have been up to in pre-school. Autumn 1 is now on there.

Forest School

Forest school will be on a Wednesday afternoon this half term. Please ensure your children are wearing trousers (or leggings). Children will also require a waterproof, warm coat, a hat and gloves as the weather turns colder. We can provide children with waterproof trousers. Children should all have wellies in school kept here all of the time, please write their name on them and in a named bag hung on their coat peg. Thank you.

Diary Dates:

- Friday 15th November 2024 Children In Need- Wear something bright.
- Friday 20th December 2024 11:30am-12:30pm Pre-school Christmas Party (all children invited, details to follow) Last Day.
- Monday 6th January 2025 Spring Term starts, children back.

Thank you for your support

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