

# Pre-School Newsletter

## Autumn term 2024

### Welcome back

A chilly welcome back to the Autumn term. It has been such a pleasure seeing all the children return, both familiar faces and new ones. Hearing about their exciting summer adventures has truly been a highlight, and we are eager to embark on another fantastic school year together!

### Weekly rundown:

At Pre-School we put great effort into providing a wide range of experiences throughout their time with us. Each day brings something special:

**Monday** - is all about forest fun, where we explore nature and the outdoors.

**Tuesday** - we are incredibly lucky to have Mr Yeomans leading our PE session, helping the children stay active and engaged.

**Wednesday** - visit to the school library, where we dive into the world of books and stories.

**Thursday** - the children participate in cooking, learning valuable skills while having fun in a cooking environment.

**Friday** - dedicated to music and movement, a perfect way to end the week with creativity and rhythm.

We're excited for all the learning and fun ahead!

### Little Wandle activities:

During your child's session we will be carrying out games from our school wide phonics scheme 'little wandle'. Carrying these games out daily with the children lays the foundation for strong literacy skills later in life. By introducing this phonics scheme as early as Pre-School we can help the children develop the very first set of skills they need to become successful readers and writers. If you would like any information on the scheme please just ask.

### Let's talk PANTS:

To help promote our safeguarding within the unit, the whole school use the NSPCC'S Pantosaurus. From this term onwards we will be touching on this daily during our morning group time. We will be using anatomically correct vocabulary with the children such as penis and vagina and empowering the children to protect themselves as they grow up using terms such as 'from my head to my toes, I say what goes'. We understand this can seem quite daunting for children so young. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask us. Please see the link to the website below for you to explore. There is a great song that works alongside and we can't wait for the children to learn it.

[Let's talk PANTS | NSPCC](#)

### All about me square:

In Pre-School we like to celebrate each child as an individual and share with them any special moments or memories they may have. Each child has been given a square on a display board to help celebrate everything and anything that makes them, them! We would love for you to start bringing in for us, to display in your child's square, anything that means something to them. This could be a picture of special family members, their favourite cuddly at bedtime, any certificates they have achieved or any art and crafts they may have done. We can't wait to see what the children bring in. It would be great if we can start seeing items bought in before the October half term in order for us to start our displays.

### Wish list:

With the variety of experiences we offer at Pre-School - such as cooking, messy play, and rolling snack - our resources can sometimes run low. To continue providing these enriching activities for your children, we've put together a wish list of items that would help us stay stocked up. We would greatly appreciate any of the following donations to keep our provision as engaging and enriching as possible.

Plain flour, self-raising flour, chocolate chips, food colouring, dried lentils, cornflour, dried pasta and rice, cocoa powder, spaghetti, shaving foam, porridge oats, jelly, dried beans, cream of tartar, digestive biscuits, rich tea biscuits, icing sugar, sprinkles, cooking chocolate, breadsticks, crackers, cream cheese and butter.

Your support makes a huge difference, and we are so grateful for anything you may be able to provide.