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NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Lolly who has joined our main sessions and Olivia who has started in the 2 year old session. Welcome too to Ethan who has move up from the 2 year old session.

This term we are looking at Fairytales which gives us lots of scope to look at things like numbers, emotions and sequencing.

If you would like to see the planning for this term there is a copy at pre-school or it is attached to the newsletter on our website.

The children are still enjoying outside play despite how cold the weather has been, they have been able to do plenty of investigations involving frost and ice!

May we ask that if your child brings a toy to pre-school that it is named, if possible, and that your child is aware that they may need either to share it or leave it in the home basket. We do appreciate that they like to bring things to show or because they are a comfort but sometimes the presence of a special toy can put our diplomatic skills to the test!



If you'd like to help out for any sessions or accompany us on any outing around the village or to the Adventure Garden at the Primary school please sign up on the chart on the door.

Reminders

- If the children have fruit it is very helpful if it is cut up and/or peeled ready for them to eat. Although we are very happy to help with this, when lunch clubs are busy we do not have time to peel fruit for 18 children.



- Can all water bottles have names on and be filled with water only, no juice or squash.
- When bringing payments in to pre-school, please could you bring in the **correct** money in a sealed envelope with your child's name and what the money is for. We are unable to give change and it is so easy to lose track of who has paid what when lots of money is coming in.
- Can all coats, wellies, gloves and hats be named please.



Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 15th February -Stay & Play Session

Thursday 31st March -Easter Event

Thursday 7th April – Disco at Downton Primary School. 5 – 6 pm, all children must be accompanied by an adult, admission £1.

Wednesday 25th May -Stay & Play Session

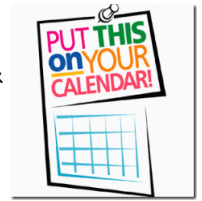
Friday 15th July -Picnic
Details of the events later in the year will follow nearer the time.

Sweatshirts and T shirts

We have new stock of these, just ask if you'd like one. T shirts £5 and Sweatshirts £10.



If you want to place an order from the My Book Corner catalogue please return the form to pre-school by **Friday 11th February**. Please make all **cheques payable to Scholastic Ltd** and put your name and address on the back.





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Fundraising

Thank you very much to everyone involved in helping with the Christmas Extravaganza and the Partridge Fair, whether making gingerbread or helping on the stalls, it is really appreciated. We made £300 which is fantastic.

We really rely on money made through fundraising. Without it we would be unable to replace old and broken toys or be able to buy any new equipment as the money we receive from fees only covers the day to day running of pre-school.

With this in mind we have started planning our stall at the Cuckoo Fair on Saturday 30th May. We want to hold a toy tombola so have to start collecting toys. We would like any unwanted new or good quality nearly new toys you have. Things that you would not mind winning yourself! If you could collect them together and we will let you know when to bring them in to pre-school.

Ink Cartridge Recycling

If you have any empty ink cartridges they can be recycled via pre-school. We receive money for each one we recycle. There is a box in the porch in which you can deposit the empties.



Don't forget



If you are buying something online have a look at www.buy.at/downtonpreschool and see if the online store you want is listed, then just click on it to shop as usual and you will earn pre-school a commission.

Tissues

We would be very grateful if you could supply a box of tissues for us to use during the winter months. We get through a large quantity at this time of year as you can imagine!



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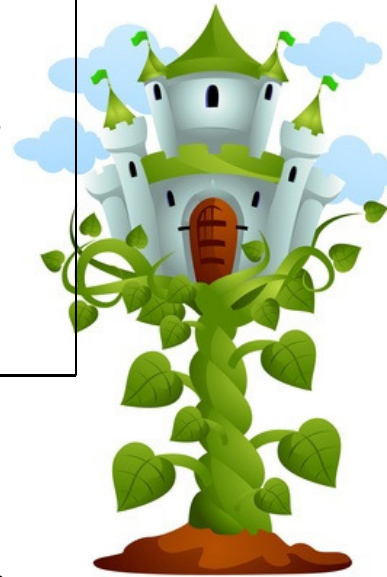
Communication, Language & Literacy

Increasing vocabulary for expressing feelings
Sequencing and rhyming
Looking at other books with themes related to characters/ideas from the fairytales
Mark making with various resources



Problem Solving, Reasoning & Numeracy

Looking at numbers through the fairytales and number rhymes
Using size language
Recognising and naming colours



Knowledge Understanding of the World

Noticing change
Looking at reflections
"Looking" activities
Thinking about the past



Fairytales



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Looking at different emotions
Thinking about "goodies" and "baddies"
Keeping ourselves safe
Taking turns and sharing fairly

Creative Development

Role play reflecting different fairytales
Making props to support role play
Learning new songs and rhymes
Using and recognising musical instruments

Physical Development

Playing games the involve rules
Using construction kits
Constructing with a purpose in mind