



March  
2011

# NEWSLETTER

This term we will be celebrating World Book Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Red Nose Day 18<sup>th</sup> March. We hope to make and sell Red Nose fairy cakes on 18<sup>th</sup> so please bring some money and it would be great if the children could wear something red.

We are focussing on "finding out" this term with a theme of "We are scientists!" So there will be lots of experiments happening. Last term we noticed lots of investigations and questioning going on so we thought this would be a good way of following up the children's interests. We are hoping to have lots of visitors and take trips to the park and adventure garden so it will be a busy term! Please remember that the planning map will be available for this term on the website attached to this newsletter and displayed at pre-school.

We are also hoping to begin inviting you into pre-school to share story/singing times with the children a few parents at a time, so look out for your invitations in the book bags!

## Tissues

Thank you to everyone who has bought in a box of tissues. You can still bring them in if you haven't already.



## Reminders

- 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.



## Dates for Your Diary

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day



Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Event

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

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Stay & Play Session

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> March**. Please make all **cheques payable to Scholastic Ltd** and put your name and address on the back.

## Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers

If you are collecting vouchers there are collection boxes in the lobby if you'd like to donate your vouchers to pre-school. We were able to get some great equipment last year.



## 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](http://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.



## Communication, Language & Literacy

Role play library  
Looking at books to do with science & experiments  
Introducing vocabulary for experiments and Easter  
Invitations for Easter event  
Thinking about syllables  
Developing pencil control



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Visits from librarian, dentist, scientist and minister  
Being safe when conducting experiments  
Thinking about beliefs related to Easter  
Visits to the park and adventure garden  
Children's input updating risk assessments  
Turn taking

## Problem Solving Reasoning & Numeracy

Measuring ingredients for rock cakes and Easter nests  
Playing shape and number games  
Completing number line  
More challenging puzzles  
Shape and number through construction



## Term 4

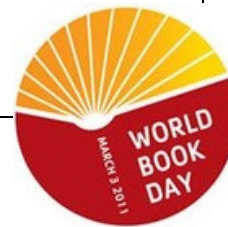
Week 1 - World Book Day

Week 2, 3 & 4 - We are Scientists

Week 5 - Easter & Mother's Day

## Creative Development

Making bookmarks  
Making paper mache volcano  
Singing new and familiar songs  
Making fruit and vegetable prints  
Making Mother's Day cards  
Face painting  
Making rabbit ears



## Knowledge Understanding of the World

Using the computer  
Dancing raisins experiment  
Investigating bubbles  
Thinking about prehistoric times  
Volcano erupting experiments  
Investigating pushing and pulling (forces)  
Looking at magnetism  
Planting seeds  
Making glue  
Making toothpaste  
Coloured flowers experiments



## Physical Development

Fine motor skills in mixing and measuring during cooking and experiments  
Playing tug of war  
Pushing and pulling using outside equipment  
Cutting up fruit and vegetables  
Action raps, rhymes and yoga  
Using the parachute