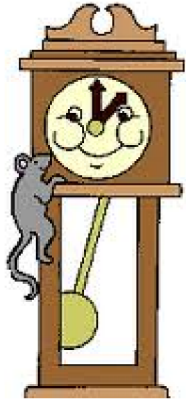




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# NEWSLETTER

Welcome to William, Jasper, Freddie, Annabel, Lydia, Harvey, James and Chanexs. who are new to preschool this term and welcome back to all those returning!



This term we will be looking at nursery rhymes. Activities will encourage listening skills and participation. We have lots of crafty ideas, some of which will result in props to accompany our singing! There will also be lots of opportunities for the children to share their ideas and experiences

and settle in to pre-school gaining confidence to access activities and resources.



Keep an eye out for your invitation to a story time session. This is part of our involvement with the Every Child a Talker (ECAT) initiative. ECAT is a nationwide programme and aims to:-

- "Strengthen children's early language development from birth to five"
  - "Strengthen the knowledge and skills of all practitioners in the setting"
  - "Increase the involvement of parents in helping to develop their child's language in the home"
- (Wiltshire Council ECAT training 2011)

Each term we will be focusing on a particular aspect of communication. There will be a display to show what this is and tip for Talking cards for parents. This may all sound a little daunting and confusing but it will become clearer as we go along, promise! We will also be asking for feedback from you about whether it has been useful and informative.

## Reminders

As it is the start of a new year we would like to give out a few things to remember. Sorry if the list seems rather daunting.

- As the weather gets colder children might need jumpers, pre-school is often not as warm as the children are used to at home and an extra layer can be useful. We like to get outside as much as possible so don't forget coats too. Please can all children's coat, jumpers, shoes, wellies and gloves & hats be named.
- **Packed lunches** please can you make sure there are **no nuts** of any type in the children's lunch boxes, this includes peanut butter. Also, if the children have fruit it is very helpful if it is cut up and/or peeled ready for them to eat and that they can



manage to open the majority of their boxes/packets themselves. Although we are very happy to help with this, when lunch clubs are busy it would be helpful not to have to peel fruit for every child. It would be helpful if you could let your child know that we expect them to eat their sandwich or roll before they have any biscuit or cake that is in their lunchbox.

- Can all water bottles have names on and be filled with **water only**, no juice or squash.
- Please do not drive up or to pre-school or park in Gravel Close for dropping off or picking up. The primary school asks the same of their parents to ensure the safety of the children at the start and end of school. There is parking available at the Co-op.
- If you have moved house over the summer or any of your contact details have changed don't forget to let us know.
- Remember to bring your child's bookbag to pre-school every time they come and don't forget to check inside everyday for letters and more
- If you have to bring any money into pre-school,



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whether for lunch club or or any other payments, please could you bring in the correct money in a sealed envelope with your child's name and what the money is for. It is so easy to loose track of who has paid what when lots of money is coming in. Thank you.

### Pre-school Management Committee

Your Pre-school is run by a parent committee who have responsibility for ensuring that pre-school is well managed and financially viable. The main committee members are:-

Chair - Debbie Quiter , mum to Ava and Sophia who has just lefy pre-school  
Secretary - Janice Emerson, mum to Matthew

Treasurer - Vanessa Welsh, mum to Edward and William who has also just left pre-school for school.

Publicity - Tabiltha Coupe, mum to Olivia

If you would like to see how pre-school is run then come along to a coomittee meeting, our next is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Septembeber at 8:30pm, venus tbc.

It is also a great opportunity to get to know other parents at pre-school.

### Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers

Thank you for all the Tesco and Sainsburys vouchers. We have order lots of new equipment, including hoola hoops and small world toys, and are waiting for it to arrive.



### Wiltshire Council Questionnaires

You will find attached to this news letter a questionnaire from Wiltshire Council that we have been asked to distribute and then collect. Please could you return it to pre-school by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Pre-school will receive book token for all questionnaires returned.

### Grand Summer Draw and Sponsored Teddy Zip Wire and Family Picnic

Thank you to everyone who took part In these events. We raised a brilliant over £700 which we have used to buy new tricycles and scooters.



### Sweatshirts and T shirts

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



### Panda Club

If you are new to the village you may not have come across Panda Club. It is a Mother and Toddler group in Downton, at the Baptist Church, South Lane, Tuesdays, 9:30-11am. £2.50 per family.

### 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.



### Buy .at/downtonpreschool

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

Singing nursery rhymes together  
Using posters & photos as talking points  
Listening moments & listening ears  
Musical statues & bumps  
Self selected mark making  
Nursery rhyme colouring



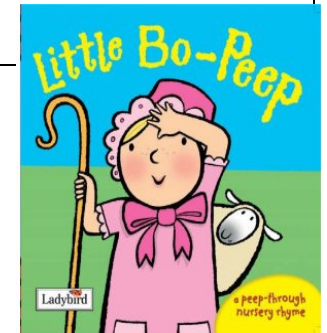
## Problem Solving Reasoning & Numeracy

Signing number rhymes  
Children's input for number line  
Pens & paper with number activities  
Jigsaw puzzles  
Sorting activities  
Shapes through construction



## Knowledge Understanding of the World

Sand and water play with various resources  
Cameras, phones and torches in role play  
Using time lines  
Adult modelling in small world play



# Nursery Rhymes



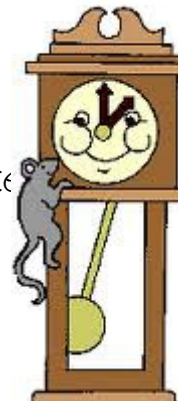
## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Settling in  
Sharing news about holidays and interests  
Role play  
House  
Using puppets to share ideas about learning to learn  
Finding resources & accessing activities



## Creative Development

Colour through construction  
Painting on a large scale using ready mix and palette paints  
Cutting and sticking activities  
Using musical instruments (letter & sounds activities)  
Creative activities linked to nursery rhymes



## Physical Development

Playdough  
Construction  
Using large play equipment for climbing and balancing  
Beanbags for throwing & catching and beanbag raps  
Encouraging independence when washing hands and wiping noses

