



HYDE HEATH PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2 2023



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EIFS Curriculum: There are seven areas within the Early Years Curriculum that cover all aspects of your child's learning. The three Prime Areas are essential and underpin the four Specific Areas. The children learn by 'playing and Exploring' (engagement) being an 'active learner' (motivation) and 'creating and thinking critically', these are the characteristics of learning. We differentiate activities by considering the age and stage of each child's development.

Could you help at Pre-School?
We are currently looking for new Committee Members. If you think this is something you may be interested in, please do speak with Mrs Rutherford who will be happy to provide you with more information.

Reminders
As the weather is turning colder, please can we ask that children bring a named waterproof coat that will keep them warm. We also ask that hats, gloves and wellington boots are provided so that children can comfortably enjoy the outdoors and the wider community.

Activities to enjoy at home with your child
With the days becoming shorter, sometimes we feel there isn't much time in the day to get out and discover the area around us.

Here you will find free days out ideas in Buckinghamshire which allow families to have fun and keep active:
[free-days-out-in-buckinghamshire.docx \(live.com\)](#)

Sponsored Bounce and Children in Need

Sponsored Bounce – This is a fun event to help raise funds for our outside area. All children invited into preschool between 2.30pm and 3pm to bounce and raise money. Please collect a few sponsors with your child.
Children in Need – Children who attend on a Friday will engage in spotty activities. Children can dress in spotty clothes for the day. A voluntary £2 donation is asked to support this important cause.

Children Starting Reception in September 2024

If your child is moving up to Reception in September 2024, you are now able to apply for their school place. You must make your application no later than **15th January 2024**.

Please follow the link for how to apply.

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/school-admissions/starting-school-or-moving-up-to-junior-school/>

This half term's topics are:
Fireworks and Bonfire Night
Diwali
Nursery Rhymes
Shapes
Christmas and Nativity

Dates for your diary:
Wednesday 8th November – Parent Consultations
Monday 13th November – Stay and Play 9.00 -9.30am
Thursday 16th November – School Open Morning 9.30am
Sponsored Bounce
Friday 17th November - Children in Need
Wednesday 6th December – Pre-School Christmas Performance
Friday 15th December – End of Term (3pm)

Christmas Performance – Wednesday 6th December at 9.30am
Hyde Heath Village Hall

All children are welcome to attend, even if they do not usually attend on a Wednesday.

This year we are planning to hold a Christmas performance in the Village Hall and all parents/carers and/or family members are invited to watch.
Our performance will include many songs which the children will have learnt over time. We feel that this year rather than put on a Nativity (which we will learn in Pre-School) it was much more beneficial for the children to have fun through singing and learning new songs for us all to enjoy. All we ask is that if they do have a Christmas jumper or a red/green top, that they wear it on the day of the performance.

Prime Areas
This term I will be learning to:
Physical Development
Make large movements to help me move my body.
Help me by:
Pretend to move like a dinosaur – using my arms and legs
Personal and Social
Enjoy carrying out small tasks
Build confidence in asking adults for help
Help me by:
Provide small tasks at home – setting a table, use a dustpan and brush etc.
Communication and Language
Listen to each other in a small group
Help me by:
Listen to environmental sounds – birds, cars, aeroplanes etc.

Specific Areas
Literacy
Enjoy rhymes.
Show awareness of rhyme and alliteration.
Help me by
Sing rhymes and discuss words that rhyme.
Maths
Learning about shapes in the environment
Learning 2D shapes
Help me by
Look for different shapes around your home – can you talk about the shape of objects.
Understanding the world
Describe special times or events with family and friends.
Help me by
Looking at photos and talk about enjoyable times spent with others.
Expressive Arts and Design
Create sounds by using musical instruments
Help me by
Listening to a variety of musical instruments. Together - describe the sounds the instruments make (loud, quiet).

Contacting Pre-School

If you have any questions regarding your child's fees, please do contact Helen Wallace our administrator at admin@hydeheathpreschool.org.uk
For session enquiries including adhoc sessions please speak to Claire Rutherford at manager@hydeheathpreschool.org.uk

The Pre-School team and I thank you for your continued support – Mrs Rutherford (Manager), Mrs Smith (Deputy Manager), Mrs Singh (Level 3 Practitioner), Mrs Woodstock (Level 3 Practitioner) and Helen Wallace (Administrator)