



HYDE HEATH PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2020



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EYFS 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.

Sickness & Attendance

Pre-school opens at 9.00am, please ensure your child is here by **9.15am** for registration. Afternoon sessions open from 12.00pm and again we would ask all children to be here by **12.15pm**.

Pick up time from Pre-School is at 12pm (end of morning session) and 3pm (end of afternoon session). If your child is going to be absent from any pre-school sessions, please ensure you notify us, either by email/telephone in advance or on the day. Unfortunately, it's that time of year when the bugs are rife. If your child is affected by sickness and/or diarrhoea, please **KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME FOR 48 HOURS FROM THE LAST EPISODE**.

This will ensure the bug is contained, not spread further and that your child is fully recovered and able to participate in pre-school activities.

Wow Board

We would like you to record any moments where you have been extremely proud of your child, for example, your child has learnt to swim with arm bands or has managed to put on their own shoes all by themselves. There are paper stars next to our WOW board, you are very welcome to write a star for your child and place it on our board. We will talk about your child's amazing moments with the other children.

Could you help our 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.

Suggested Termly Contribution

As a Charity run Pre-School, we rely heavily on funds to support the smooth running of the setting. We are asking for a suggested contribution of **£20** for the term, per child, helping us to pay towards healthy snacks, resources and consumables. If you could donate this term to support us with these costs, we would be extremely grateful. Money can be donated by methods of cash, cheque or through BACS payment at the beginning of each term. Thank you for your support.

This half term's topics are:

Family Celebrations
Numbers, Counting and Problem Solving
Winter
Chinese New Year
Jungle

Dates for your diary:

Monday 3rd February – Jungle dress up day – At Pre-School
WC 10th February – Sponsored Slide
Friday 14th February – Half Term Begins (3pm)
Future Dates:
Monday 24th February – Return from Half Term (9am)
Wednesday 4th March – Parents Evening
Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
Friday 6th March – Cake Sale
Wednesday 11th March – Parent stay and Play AM
Friday 3rd April – End of Spring Term (1.30pm)

Reception

This term the children who are joining Reception in September 2020 will begin to spend time with the Reception Teacher and class. This is due to happen on a Tuesday but, timings may differ depending on the Teacher's availability. The children will be participating in fun activities relating to our topic. This process helps support the children with the transition from Pre-School to Infant School. The children who are staying in Pre-School next year will continue with topic-based activities in Pre-School.

Prime Areas

This term I will be learning to:
Physical Development
Move in different ways – slither, shuffle, roll, crawl etc

Help me by:

Make movements to favourite songs and rhymes

Personal and Social

Join in with group games

Be friendly and kind

Help me by:

Share toys at home or take turns during a game.
Read the Selfish Crocodile – to encourage kindness

Communication and Language

Talk about own experiences and ask questions regarding other's interests

Help me by:

Look at books - Chinese New Year

Specific Areas

Literacy

Describe marks children make (that's Daddy, it's a house etc)
Hear and say initial sounds in words

Help me by

Provide writing resources for free draw

Learn how to say Initial sounds

<https://www.jollylearning.co.uk/resource-bank/learn-the-letter-sounds/>

Maths

Match number to quantity

Help me by

Count cups, spoons, toys etc and match to corresponding numeral.

Understanding the world

Use technology to record our natural environment.

Help me by

Take photos of nature and record when out and about
Expressive Arts and Design
Enjoy playing with small world models i.e. farm, dolls house.

Help me by

Role play with your child – encourage questioning

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 Boldt (Deputy Manager), Mrs Singh (Level 3 Practitioner), Mrs Chapman (Level 2 Practitioner) and Helen Wallace (Administrator)