

Windmill PreSchool

Autumn Term 2019



Welcome back. We hope you've all had an amazing summer and have enjoyed all this beautiful weather we've had.

We'd also like to say a huge welcome to all our new children, and parents, who will be starting over the new few weeks. We're all looking forward to getting to know you all.

Our theme for autumn term is **Nursery Rhymes**. The main topic for this first couple of weeks, as we greet our new children, is **Welcome to Pre-School**. Helping our new little faces to settle in and feel safe and secure in their new surroundings.

We will be learning lots of rhymes, some old favourites and some less familiar. As the children listen to and join in with rhymes they are working towards early learning goals for language and literacy, linking sounds and letters and reading.

We will also be taking time to celebrate some of the Autumn festivals and will, of course, be ending the term with a visit from Santa.

WEATHER RHYMES FOR THIS TERM

September brings a cooler breeze with fruit and nuts upon the trees.

October turns the leaves to brown and chilly winds to blow them down.

Dull November dark and nippy making roads and pavements slippery.

December turns the rain to sleet and presents for your Christmas treat

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please welcome our new committee members; Liz Fitch (chair), Daniela Harper (treasurer), Kate Lyons & Jennifer Inseal (secretary), Katie Thomas & Simon Baldwin (committee members). You can contact our new chair at lizfitch@googlemail.com

CONTACTING PRESCHOOL

If you need to contact preschool to report absence or to let us know information about your child or a last minute change to collection arrangements please don't contact our administrator Debra or via Facebook to report sickness. You must speak directly to staff on duty at preschool that day, Telephone us on **01525 719144**

Our topics cover all areas of the EYFS learning and development requirements and as well as language and literacy we will be learning about making relationships; exploring and using media and materials; people and communities and understanding the world.

Learning objectives are given in more detail on our weekly plans displayed in the playroom. If you would like any further information please do speak to your child's key person

Learning at home

Wondering where to start? These websites gives lots of ideas

<https://www.nurseryrhymes.org/nursery-rhymes.html>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-site/fun-ideas/age-3-4--2>

Internet safety

Ofcom's latest research has shown that 86% of 3-4 year olds have access to a tablet at home and 21% have their own tablet. The links below give access to some very useful free online resources for parents, giving tips and advice on how to protect children online as they grow up.

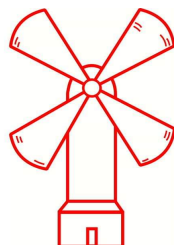
<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/under-5/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/keeping-young-children-safe-online>

School Photographer

October brings our school photographer in to capture your little ones, we shall confirm a date closer to the time



Wk 1 4/9 Welcome to Preschool - Yellow
Wk 2 9/9 Twinkle, Twinkle - Yellow
Wk 3 16/9 Sheep rhymes - White
Wk 4 23/9 Humpty Dumpty - Pink
Wk 5 30/9 Hickory Dickory - Purple
Wk 6 7/10 Wheels on Bus/ Transport - Red
Wk 7 14/10 Boat rhymes - Blue

- Term start Wed 4th September
- Half term 21st - 25th October
- Start back from half term Tuesday 29th
- Term ends Friday 20th December
- Start back from Christmas January 6th 2020

We aim to play outside on a daily basis so please send your child in with appropriate outerwear. Please ensure your child's coat, hat, cardigan, etc, are all named

