

Windmill Pre-School Newsletter

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Welcome back to a new year at Windmill Pre-School, especially to our new families who are joining us for the first time this term. The staff would like to thank parents for their generous Christmas gifts and cards and hope that Santa brought you and yours all that you wished for!

Weather Rhymes for this half term

January brings the snow, makes our feet and fingers glow.

February brings the rain, melts the frozen pond again.

March brings winds to blow your kite and rattle windows in the night.

THEMES

Our theme for the first half of Spring term is **Number Rhymes**. We will be using rhymes and fun activities to get familiar with numbers and promote concepts, skills and awareness as we work towards early learning goals for mathematics.



In addition, 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.

The theme for the second half of term will be **All About Me**. We will be discovering our similarities and differences, exploring our senses and learning about keeping healthy, working towards early learning goals for people and communities and health and self-care.

We will also be taking time to celebrate Chinese New Year - the year of the pig, and will be hopping about at the end of term as Easter bunnies!



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

Rhymes of the Week

Week 1: 03/01—Back to school

Week 2: 07/01—2 Little Dickie Birds, 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer

Week 3: 14/01—5 Currant Buns; 10 Green Bottles

Week 4: 21/01—1, 2, Buckle My Shoe; 5 Little Monkeys

Week 5: 28/01—Five Little Ducks; This Old Man

Week 6: 04/02—10 Little Piggies; 10 Little Fingers

PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE

If you are interested in joining our committee please contact our chair Ria Chisholm by email on Ria84@msn.com or via our Facebook page

SPRING TERM DATES

We start back on Thursday 3rd January.

Half Term is Monday 11th—Friday 15th February.

We start back from half term on Monday 18th February.

We break up for Easter on Friday 5th April.

We start back after Easter on Tuesday 23rd April.



STARTING SCHOOL IN 2019

If your child is due to start school in September 2019 (children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015) then **you need to get your school application submitted by Tuesday 15th January 2019.** This is very quick

and easy to do online on the Central Bedfordshire Council website, or if you prefer you can download a form and print it out.

You can find all the information you need online here: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/school/admissions/2019/starting-school/overview.aspx>



DRESSING FOR THE WINTER WEATHER

We aim to play outside on a daily basis through the autumn and winter so please send your child with appropriate outerwear.

If your child comes to pre-school in wellies or other boots please send a change of shoes – this is for comfort, hygiene and safety.

Please ensure that your child's coat, hat, gloves and scarf are clearly named.



LINKS FOR LEARNING AT HOME

Wondering where to start with supporting your child's learning at home? These websites gives lots of ideas and online resources to help.

<https://www.nurseryrhymes.org/numbers.html>

<http://www.teachingyourchild.org.uk/number-songs.htm>

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR PRE-SCHOOL

One of the easiest ways for you to support pre-school fundraising is through Easyfundraising. If you register with Easyfundraising, pre-school receives a donation for any money you spend on hundreds of registered websites, which include major supermarkets, Amazon, Argos, Ebay, John Lewis, M&S and many more. It is easy to register and costs you nothing! Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/windmillpresch/> to get started.



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