



Newsletter



January 2017

Term 3

Diary dates:

**Saturday 28th January
2017**

Quiz night

**Friday 10th February
2017**

Last day of term 3

**Monday 20th February
2017**

TD day—preschool will
be closed

**Tuesday 21st February
2017**

First day of term 4

**Sunday 12th March
2017**

Bingo

We are pleased to welcome Annabella, India, Surraya and their families to pre-school. We hope that their time here will be a happy and enjoyable one.

Weekly activities for term 3

Mondays - Yoga

Tuesdays - Music and movement

Wednesdays - Cooking

Thursdays - Woodland learning

Fridays - Music

Pre-school uniform

Pre-school polo shirts and jumpers can be purchased. If you would like any for your child please let us know and we will order them for you.

Home school bags

As part of our continued reflection on our provision, linked to the Bristol Standards, we will be introducing home learning bags. The bags will contain some simple activities for you to use with your child which will enhance our partnership with you as parents by giving you ideas of how you can support your child's development at home.

They are currently in the process of being made. We hope they will soon be available for you and your child to use.

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Communication and Language:

As part of our weekly activities we will now be doing a music session using the musical instruments. During these sessions the development of the children's listening skills will be promoted. The children will be required to listen to cues on when to stop and start playing the instruments. We will also be listening carefully to the different sounds the instruments make to enable the children to match instruments and to choose which instrument would best represent an animal, for example choosing a quiet sounding instrument for a mouse.

Physical development:

We will be providing the children with a multi-sensory approach to practising forming the letters of their names. Such as shaping the letters out of playdough and writing in sand.



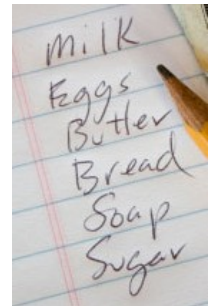
Personal, social and emotional development:

We will be providing activities to promote team work amongst the children. On a Thursday the children will be enabled to work together to move the trolley to and from the woods. Other activities will include parachute play, for example the children working together to lift the parachute to stop a ball from falling off.



Literacy:

To encourage the children to give meanings to the marks they make as they write we will be introducing mark making opportunities during their role play as and when appropriate. For example writing shopping lists or food menus.



Mathematics:

On the interest table outside the children have been provided with the balance scales, shells and numbers.

Inside is the Goldilocks and the three bears story with supporting props, to encourage the use of language relating to size.



Understanding the world:

We will be talking about the fact that different people have different cultural traditions. As part of this the children will have the opportunity to engage in activities that are related to Chinese New Year.



Expressive arts and design:

The children will be provided with a variety of different opportunities to explore colour and experiment with what happens when colours are mixed, through activities such as frozen paints and blow painting.