

Pre-School Weekly Newsletter

Week 8: Monday
29th October 2018

**Bags4School – having a clear out before Christmas?
Please fill a bag4school and bring to the school hall on
November 30th before 9.00am. Thank you.**

Our learning in preschool this week: Here is a [sample](#) of the play activities and learning opportunities this week: in preparation for Bonfire Night, there will be a space theme in preschool for the next two weeks. This week, we also have some spider-related activities and we'll be reading 'Room on the Broom.' In the maths area, there is a bug-counting activity. The children can investigate whether bugs float or sink in a bowl of water. The role play area is a café and there's a selection of dressing up outfits this week too. During carpet time this week, we'll be learning about our sound 'i' and singing too. Each day one member of staff will do an adult-led activity with each child. Name writing will be one job. Another will be comparing size, length and height. We will have our first PE session in the hall. Outside, the children will visit the adventure playground and hidden haven. With mountains of leaves everywhere, we'll be incorporating them into all sorts of imaginative play too.

This Week's Sound is 'i': It would be great if your child brought in an object beginning with the sound 'i' for show and tell. There are Jolly Phonic songs to accompany each sound. You can find them on YouTube; or purchase a book and CD from Amazon called Jolly Songs.

Over half term, new heaters have been fitted in our preschool room and it is toasty warm! Work has also begun on the pond area. The first stage of clearing has been completed.

A PE Session Every Tuesday

We now have a regular booked PE session in the school hall on a Tuesday morning. Donna will be leading these sessions. We will be supporting the children in a wide range of physical activities. We are delighted to be able to use school facilities for this provision.

Pop in and see our lovely sunflower art work

Next week's sound is: 'p'

Parent Meetings in Week 3: Sign up for an appointment.

Supporting Positive Behaviour

We have amended our behaviour policy, so that it is in line with St Mark's. We have adapted their school code of conduct, making it age appropriate for our children. Please see the attached copy. You might find it helpful to use this at home too. We have also agreed a new system of three warnings and time out, to help the children begin to understand that there are consequences to negative behaviour. Children will be given three warnings and then time out. Staff will use this system in response to behaviours like pushing, throwing toys, kicking, snatching toys. We have very few behaviour issues at pre-school. Children generally co-operate with each other; and show kindness, generosity and patience when they are playing together. Our behaviour policy exists to help our youngest children who are just learning to play with their peers; for those children who are struggling with certain aspects of behaviour; and to help everyone understand the importance of positive behaviour, which will in turn, prepare them for Reception.