

Tywardreath Pre-School Playgroup

September 2021 Autumn Term News (1)

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Home - Pre-School Link

Please bring in to share

Favourite books from home to share at story time.

Ideas to continue our learning themes at home

Chatting together about stories or TV programs. Ask questions or model comments. E.g., What does it look like? Where are they going?

Noticing differences and similarities between different houses in the community. Counting windows, comparing the size of walls, the shape of doors.

Welcome Back to Our Families!

It is so great to welcome back our younger children from last year and also welcome some new friends to our pre-school family.

We will try to get your child's key person out to chat with you as soon as possible, in the first few weeks of term. It would be great to know if you have any particular learning and development targets for your child that we can work on together.

Please also feel free to speak with staff on the door about any news, questions or concerns. You would be very welcome to ring and speak with staff at any time, our phone number is 01726 813356.

New Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Development Matters

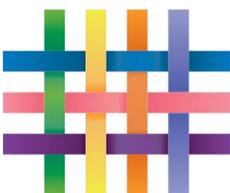
All early years settings can choose a framework to help staff understand more about each child's learning and development. We use the government EYFS Development Matters. This guidance has been totally reworked for September 2021, so you will notice some changes on Tapestry, as observations move over to the new framework. The learning areas remain largely the same.

Tapestry – Online Learning Journal

We have enabled the 'About Me' section on each child's Tapestry account, so it can be edited by their parents/carer login. This is similar to the 'All About Me' form that each family complete for their child, when they start setting. As children's information can change regularly, such as their interests, favourite foods and routine we would really appreciate it if you can edit your child's 'About Me' on Tapestry. After editing it, you can change what you have written as needed, during your child's time at pre-school.

It would be great to see some more Tapestry observation entries by families, so we have talking points for your child, when we welcome them to pre-school at the start of the term. We love to hear your news.

If you need a log on for your child's Tapestry account, please email tywplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk from the email address you would like to use for registration.



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Fundraising and Donations

We have been totally overwhelmed by the generosity of our community in the last few weeks.

Huge thanks to **The Ship Inn** for inviting us to their amazing Family Fun Day, to run a craft workshop. They kindly donated £300.

Additional huge thanks to **The New Inn** for choosing us as their local charity during their live music weekend, which raised us £300.

Also huge thanks to everyone who supported our end of term raffle, which raised £400. Like many charities, we have had a tough couple of years financially, so it is amazing to be able to treat the children to some new resources and experiences. Huge thank you.



September Themes and Intentions

Our first topic from 6th September – 17th September is **'Favourite Stories'**, with our school year starting on National Read a Book Day and National Literacy day is also in the same week.

We are pleased to see that Communication and Language has been given far more emphasis in the new Early Years Framework. Stories are a perfect way of developing communication skills, listening, attention, understanding and speaking. This topic will be very dynamic, lots of role play acting, dance and movement, combined with communication skills. We are also welcoming favourite books from home to share at story time please.

20th September – 1st October our focus is **'Houses and Homes'**. We will be thinking about the EYFS area 'People, Culture and Communities' as well as 'The Natural World' with regards to animal habitats. This topic will also give us opportunity to explore materials and construction techniques, using mathematics.

4th October – 15th October is a seasonal topic **'Farms and Harvest'**.

Oral Health in Partnership with Parents

We have produced a new 'Oral Health Commitment', as a setting. As part of this, we will be providing supervised tooth brushing at pre-school, using the government guidance for 'dry brushing'. Our document, with the full details, can be found on our website using this link: [Healthy Early Years | tywplaygroup](#)

We would like to children to continue to bring a named drink bottle that your child recognizes into pre-school. Please can this arrive empty and your child will fill it at the water station when they arrive at pre-school. If you would like to supply a juice based drink to accompany your child's lunch, this can be left in the lunchbox crate.

Please get in touch with any questions, comments, or to seek support.

Kind regards,

Sarah O'Toole

Sarah O'Toole, setting manager (on behalf of the staff team).