

# Tywardreath Pre-School Playgroup

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**Happy New Year!**

**We welcome our children and their families to pre-school, for a new term.**

## Home - Pre-School Link

### **Please bring in to share**

Favourite stories to read

Photos or news from your Christmas time to show at circle time

Fruit or veg to share at snack time

### **Ideas to continue our learning themes at home**

Sharing books together and noticing differences in sizes and opportunities to count, in the story

Talking about how the characters might feel, what emotion

## **Spring Topic Themes & Intentions**

We are exploring 'Inspiration through stories'. Our intention is to explore the children's favourite stories to impact on their communication and language skills, such as listening, recall, narration and imaginative skills. This topic will also incorporate various mathematic intentions, such as counting (houses, pigs, bears, bowls, chairs, goats gruff!), sequencing, first, second and third.

We are also focusing on 'Emotional Literacy'. We can think about how the characters are feeling in various stories and situations. In addition, we will be helping the children to identify and narrate their own emotional responses, which is really valuable for their personal, social and emotional development.

Our following theme will be 'Chinese New Year'.

## **Sickness & Absence**

If your child is going to be absent or late to pre-school, please could you let us know as soon as possible, by telephone or email. If you can let us know in advance, this would be greatly appreciated. If it is last minute absence, please let us know by 9.10am on the day of the session. We would ask for your co-operation with this to help us with safeguarding protocol, health and hygiene and session planning. Many thanks.

## **Spring Term Parent/Carer Reviews**

Please book in for a review of your child's learning and development progress, with their key person. During your meeting, we will discuss and explore ideas together, for shared home and pre-school targets.

## **School Risers Explore the Community**

This time last year, we took the 'School Risers' (children who will be starting school in September 2020) on some different visits around the local area. We have made plans for some trips out, to include the library, beach and on a boat ride. There are 22 School Risers, so we will be venturing out on three different days a week.

**Spring half term break is from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020.**



*The Christmas events were thoroughly enjoyed by the children last term. Thank you to everyone who supported or helped us with the Christmas dinner, nativity, Christmas Crafternoon and end of term party.*

*We are also pleased to announce that we won our category at the Christmas Tree festival!!*

Congratulations to the five staff members who completed intensive three-day Enhanced Makaton Sign Language training at the end of December.

This follows on from the previously attended two-day foundation.

