


# Pre-School Newsletter Spring 2019



Welcome back!

 Spring animals / Spring / Easter  
 This half term our learning will focus on Spring animals, Spring and Easter.

## Personal, social and emotional development

We are focusing on:

- Talking about our feelings in a way in which we can encourage children to express how they are feeling (happy, sad, worried) so that we can help them to have a happy start to the day.
- Choose books and puppets that can help children to explore their ideas about friends and friendship and talk about feelings.

## Communication and language development

We will be focusing on:

- Singing and saying rhymes.
- Listening to stories and rhymes about animals.
- Talking about rhyming words.
- Enjoying spoken and written language .
- Enjoying looking at books and turning the pages correctly, finding the front cover, back cover and the title.

## Physical development

We are:

- Encouraging children to be active and energetic by organising lively games and activities (Tom’s trail, bikes )
- Encouraging children’s self care and independence with toileting, washing hands, using knives and forks when eating.
- Encouraging children to make healthy choices, such as drink lots of water.
- Encouraging children to put on their own coats and zip them up.

### Literacy

We will be helping children by providing activities during which children will experiment with writing.  
 We will be learning how to give meaning to our marks and mark make in a variety of ways.  
 We will be encouraging children to recognise their own names.

### Numeracy

We will be learning to recognise numerals and sing number songs and rhymes.  
 We will be using and talking about the language of size, long, longer, longest, short, shorter, shortest  
 We will be talking about now that the quantity of something changes when we add or take something away.

### Expressive arts and design

We will be helping children to use one handed tools and equipment.  
 We will be encouraging children to handle equipment and toys safely.  
 We will be combining materials to create pictures and models.

### Understanding the world

We will be investigating signs of Spring in our natural environment.  
 We will be using words to describe like bulbs, flowers, grow and planting.  
 We will be talking about Spring animals and their habitats.

### Important dates for your diaries

Thursday 7th March World Book Day – Children can bring in their favourite story book to read and share.

Friday 15th March-Red Nose Day: Wear something funny or something red to school for £1.