

Blewbury Pre-School

Church Road, Blewbury, OX11 9PY

Tel: 01235 851786

Email: preschool@blewburypreschool.co.uk



Newsletter for Term 4 2021

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope you all had a great week of holiday and are now looking forward to our Easter term, in which we continue with our Curriculum Theme of '**Number Songs and Rhymes**' leading up to celebrating Easter together. We are delighted to welcome xxxxxxxxxx and their families and wish them a very happy time here with us.

We would like to thank all those who have donated cleaning products to help us keep Pre-School the clean and healthy place that we would like it to be so that we can endeavour to keep everyone safe and well. Your generosity is very much appreciated, and we are so grateful.

Thank you to all those who are remembering to wear their face masks when you drop off and pick up your child/children and are following the rules about not bringing any plastic boxes/toys from home. We really appreciate your goodwill in helping us all to keep healthy.

This is our last call for **Blewbury Pre-School sweatshirts!** If you would like your child to have a Blewbury Pre-School sweatshirt, please let a member of staff know as soon as possible.

Sizes - 3-4 years/5-6 years.

Colours - purple, blue and green.

Cost is approximately £15.00.



Week 1 : 22nd – 26th February : Theme: 10 in a bed

Rhyme: There were 10 in the bed, and the little one said 'roll over, roll over', so they all rolled over and one fell out. There were 9 in the bed and so on.

We shall be looking at number symbols, one more than, one less than and matching the number of teddies to the number symbols, looking at groups and comparing each group, as well as thinking about words that sound the same (rhyme). We would like children to wear their pyjamas any day this week so that we can have some fun thinking about the differences between night and day as we sing the song together.

Week 2 : 1st – 5th March : Theme: Five little speckled frogs

Rhyme: 5 little speckled frogs, sat on a speckled log, eating a most delicious bug, one jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool, now there are 4 green speckled frogs and so on.

Celebrations: St David's Day on 1st March

As well as all the learning around numbers and sounds, we shall also think about Spring, the life cycles of frogs, growth and decay, nature, daffodils and some of the traditions of Wales. We shall be counting, matching number symbols to the number of frogs and comparing groups.

Blewbury Pre-School

Church Road, Blewbury, OX11 9PY

Tel: 01235 851786

Email: preschool@blewburypreschool.co.uk



Week 3 : 8th – 12th March : Theme : Flower and Seed Rhyme

Rhyme 1: 5 little flowers growing in a row, the first one said 'I'm purple, you know. The second one said 'I'm pink as pink can be'. The third one said 'I'm blue like the sea. The fourth one said 'I'm a very red fellow'. The fifth one said 'My colour is yellow'. Then out came the sun, big and bright and 5 little flowers smiled in delight.

Rhyme 2: 5 little seeds, 5 little seeds, 3 will make flowers and 2 will make weeds. Under the leaves, and under the snow, 5 little seeds are waiting to grow. Out comes the sun, down comes a shower and up come the 3 pretty pink flowers. Out comes the sun that every plant needs and up come 2 funny old weeds.

Celebrations: Mothers' Day on 14th March

We shall be making cards for those we love, as well as planting seeds and flowers in the garden. We will talk about the flower life cycle and think about how to look after the garden. We shall practice our scissor skills to cut out flowers and find different ways to produce paintings of flowers.

Week 5 : 22nd – 26th March and Week 6 : 29th – 31st March

Theme : Easter

Celebration: Easter

All things to do with Spring time, Easter, shapes in nature, bunnies, chicks and traditional Easter celebrations. What a lot of wonderful things we have planned for the next week and a half. We will also be recapping with the children on all the learning that has taken place this term and there may be chocolate at the end of term! Please remember that Wednesday 31st March will be our last day of term.

Week 4 : 15th – 19th March : Theme : 5 Little Ladybirds

Rhyme: 5 little ladybirds climbing up a door. One flew away and then there were 4. Four little ladybirds sitting on a tree, one flew away and then there were 3. Three little ladybirds landed on a shoe, one flew away and then there were 2. Two little ladybirds looking for some fun, one flew away and then there was 1. One little ladybug sitting in the sun, she flew away and then there were none!

**Celebrations : St Patrick's Day on 17th
and Red Nose Day on 19th March**



This week we will explore mini-beasts and bugs, using magnifying glasses to dig into the mud and see what we find! We will be painting numbers on pebbles for the garden, practising our ball skills and the concepts of rolling and sliding. We have some great art projects to do involving play dough, paint and corks and we shall be investigating some of the Irish traditions of St Patrick's Day.

We will also be celebrating Red Nose Day and would like to invite all the children to dress up each day in red clothes/costumes to help us think about why we are raising money. Please bring along a donation of £1.00 for Red Nose day funds and help us have a bit of fun raising money for this very worthwhile cause. this very worthwhile cause.



Easter Holidays will run from Thursday 1st April until Friday 16th April and Term 5 will commence on Monday

19th April.

Blewbury Pre-School

Church Road, Blewbury, OX11 9PY

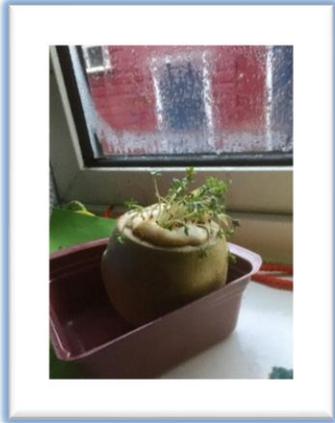
Tel: 01235 851786

Email: preschool@blewburypreschool.co.uk



Photo Gallery

During this term, we planted cress seeds into Potato heads as we thought about the rhyme 'One Potato, two Potato. We also chatted about seeds and how cress seeds will grow and we asked you to let us know how the cress heads grew at home.



Here are the finished cress heads of Evie, Archie, Gwen, Sam and Poppy. Well done.

Out and About Learning with the Family

- We are encouraging children to listen to the sounds at the beginning of their names and familiar words, such as 'm' for mummy (using the sound 'mmm' rather than the letter name 'em').
- Encourage your child to think about words that sound the same (rhyme) when talking about everyday objects at home, such as socks and fox, head and bed, leg and egg.
- Help your child to think about numbers and number symbols by counting objects and looking at numbers in books and when you are sharing a car journey together.
- Look at numbers on car registration plates, or road signs and also the shapes of everyday objects when you are on a walk.



Parenting Information

We know that life is tough at the moment, so our parenting advice this month is to **be kind to yourself**. A lot of you are juggling home schooling with older siblings, coping with a new baby, or illness in the family. In these times of great pressure, it is more important than ever to be kind to yourself and realise that you cannot always do it all! BBC Bitesize has a list of five points to think about for you as parents to promote your well being during lock down : **Be Realistic**; **Notice what is on your mind and if you are stressed do find time to do something calming**; **Connect with other parents**; **Create routines and agree rules for yourself and the family** and **Be honest and say sorry when you can**. Read more on 'BBC Bitesize: Five ways to manage your wellbeing as a parent during lockdown'. **Remember, we are always here to talk to about any aspect relating to your Pre-School child.**

Blewbury Pre-School

Church Road, Blewbury, OX11 9PY

Tel: 01235 851786

Email: preschool@blewburypreschool.co.uk



A reminder about our Covid-19 procedures

Please remember to:-

- Wear a face mask when bringing and collecting your child at the front door at Pre-School.
- Use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach for coughs and sneezes with your children.
- Support your child with washing their hands regularly.
- Please do not send your child to Pre-School if they are not well and chat to us about what to do if your child is presenting any symptoms of Covid 19.
- All snacks and lunches should be sent with your child in a disposable bag or box please (no containers or lunch boxes) so that we can throw this away afterwards.
- One parent should bring and collect their child, if possible, to minimise the number of adults outside the building, and adults should remain 2m away from each other household group.
- Please do not allow your child to bring in anything from home unless you have discussed this with your child's Key Person.
- If lockdown is presenting you and your family with any hardship whatsoever, please do talk confidentially to a member of staff, or email us, so that we can help you. There is help available.

Thank you to Kate Wright for providing us with some lovely laser cut wooden dinosaurs, fish, hearts and decorations at Christmas. We are very grateful and these provide such lovely keepsakes for the children.

We raised **£30.00 for Children In Need** in the Autumn, which considering this was during the November lock down, was very generous indeed.



If you are able to pop a packet of wipes, bottle of soap or other anti-bacterial cleaning product in your trolley when you do your shopping and donate this to Pre-School to help with our cleaning routines, we would be very grateful.

The next steps of learning for each child going on to Primary School in September will be sent out to all parents after half term.

If you would like to talk to your child's Key Person about any aspect of your child's care and education, please do not hesitate to have a chat with us or drop us an email. We wish you a very happy and enjoyable term.

Best Wishes from Mrs Edwards, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Cheswick