



Hollybank Pre-School News Sheet

February 2020

Topic & Concept - Wet/Dry - Vet Clinic/ Number 6 / Colours Red, Pink & White/ Shape Heart

During January the children were given numerous sensory opportunities in their arts and crafts, these proved to be very popular with some great pieces of art being produced.

At the end of January we were able to celebrate and discuss the Chinese New Year. As it fell on Saturday 25th, we held our celebrations on Monday 27th. We were able to savour Chinese food using chopsticks!! It was a great experience for the children who enjoyed both the food and challenge of using their chopsticks!

Along with activities and crafts corresponding with the celebration.

We had only one birthday to celebrate during January as Hannah joined our Fantastic Fours Club, the children were treated to some delicious chocolate cake!



If you have any unwanted costumes, dolls clothing or indeed toys please donate to the Pre-School before disposing of, many of our resources have been gratefully received from kind families who no longer have use of such items. Any such items are most appreciated. Thank You.

The children once again became scientists carrying out experiments observing and monitoring the properties and changes from solid ice to liquid water. This month we will be making our own volcanoes, changing the colour of flowers, and lava bottles.

This month sees the start of our Show & Tell sessions. The first Monday each month beginning 3rd February/ 2nd March/ 6th April etc. the children can bring in ONE SMALL TOY OR ITEM FROM HOME, that they would like to talk about in circle time. Afterwards they will be stored safely and given back to the children as they leave. Please remember it is just one small item and avoid sending in any valuables.

Topic - We will be opening our very own Veterinary Surgery this month giving children an opportunity to explore this career, and of course encourage empathy and awareness of caring for pets and animals.

If you are out shopping with your children encourage them to discuss their experiences so they can come and share them within the class. We encourage the children to be aware of both personal and road safety in our Circle Time; continue these discussions with your child at home.

As you are aware the Pre-School operates a Healthy Eating policy and this along with our physical provide additional opportunities to discuss with the children suitable food and drinks along with having a healthy and active lifestyle. Please continue with the donations of wipes and tissues, these are exhausted so quickly during the term.

As the month progresses and fingers crossed the weather improves we will be seizing any opportunity for outdoor play and nature walks, please ensure your child has suitable footwear and always leave a coat on their peg for such activities. We are having visits during this term from Mr Hullabaloo, Jump, Jiggle & Jive, Jo Jingles and Amanda from the local Library.

Concept - Wet/Dry, we will be examining the differences and there causes, again the wonderful weather gives you the perfect opportunity to chat about the concept with your child.

Shape / Colour / Number - Our shape is HEART / Colours RED/ PINK /WHITE and number 6. We will be mixing red and white to make pink in our painting area, helping arouse the children's curiosity in additional colours that can be produced in this way.

Crafts - We will be continuing with some sensory crafts including producing and working with `Gloop` as well as Valentines crafts and colour mixing and changing activities.

Songs & Rhymes - Will include - I sent a letter / Barney Theme / Six Red Robins. Stories will include The Valentines Gift, The Little Princess & Five, The Little Penguin, Queen of Hearts & You are my sunshine. Our Singing Sack and Safety Awareness songs will also be used each month. The distribution of our Story Sacks will restart shortly please continue to enjoy this activity with your child to help promote an interest and love of reading and books, which benefits all areas of their learning. Distributed on Monday and to be returned on Friday that week for rotation to ensure all the children are benefiting from the experience. Can you please ensure ALL contents are in sacks before returning.

During the morning our children are also given opportunities to practice using scissors which can help establish good pencil control and grip. This prepares them for entry into their primary school education, please take time to purchase a set at home and continue with this exercise. Can I remind you to use our side entrance, closest to the pre-school classroom in the mornings at drop off and front entrance for 12.00 collection, this is necessary to ensure the primary school safeguarding policy is adhered to. There is, as of yet, no further developments in the progress of our After School Club, updates will be given via See Saw.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD BRING IN ANY TOYS OR PERSONAL ITEMS TO SCHOOL, OTHER THAN 1 SMALL ITEM ON SHOW & TELL DAY. THESE ARE BECOMING LOST AND/OR DAMAGED AND THE CHILDREN CAN BECOME DISTRESSED.

***IF YOU HAVE OT ALREADY DONE SO PLEASE REMEMBER TO LEAVE A FULL CHANGE OF CLOTHING IN YOUR CHILDS GYM BAG SUPPLIED ON THEIR PEG, INCASE OF A TOILET ACCIDENT OR MISADVENTURES DURING MESSY PLAY!! ***

*****CLOSURE REMINDERS*****

The Pre-School is closed the week commencing Monday 17th February, all week, re-opening on Monday 24th February, with Breakfast operating as normal.

Many Thanks

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