



# Spring Newsletter

SPRING TERM  
8th Jan – 28th March 2024



Welcome to the Spring Term at Pre-school and a special welcome to all our new children!



Happy New Year to you all. It's been lovely to welcome our children back to Pre-school after the Christmas holidays. This week, we have enjoyed hearing about what they have done over Christmas & the New Year, thinking about how we celebrate the **New Year** & all we can look forward to in 2024. We have welcomed some new children into Pre-school and are happy to see how well they are settling. Once all the new children have started this term, the Pre-school will be full, so there will be no more space for new children until September.

Starting the New Year in a way many of us do, over the next 2 weeks we will be thinking about the importance of **Healthy Eating** and then **Being Healthy**. We will enjoy exploring lots of fruit and vegetables and playing with them in our farm shop. We will also be thinking about how we look after our bodies, including our teeth & the importance of exercise.



*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*  
Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury



After this our theme will be **Favourite Stories**. There will be lots and lots of stories read as we will ask all the children to bring in their Favourite story to share. We also hope to take our Butterfly children to visit the library. During our last week before half term we will be learning about **Chinese New Year**, which this year falls on the 10th February. We may even taste some Chinese food!

Please check the poster in the lobby window for the theme each week. The children are very welcome to bring in anything connected with the theme to show and put on our Topic Shelf. Please label all items with your child's name.



Please see our 'Planned Learning Focus' sheet for the areas of learning that we will be particularly concentrating on for both Caterpillars & Butterflies, in each half term.

All our Butterfly children will also receive a letter detailing the extra activities we will be doing with them this term.



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## Lunch club

Please read the 'Lunch Club Guidance' to refresh yourself on our guidance for lunches.

Please remember to slice your children's grapes and sausages **lengthways** and cut small tomatoes and satsumas/clementines to avoid choking. Please label lunchboxes and water bottles.



## \*Nuts\*

We have a couple of children in Pre-school who are allergic to nuts. Please can you make sure that no food bought into Pre-school either in lunches or at any other time contains any nuts.

## Weather Protection

As we give children the opportunity to go outside in all weathers please remember to make sure they are dressed in warm clothes with a warm coat, hat/gloves and wellies etc. if it is likely to be wet. Please make sure that all items of clothing are **named**.



## Chicks

We are so pleased that we have been able to raise enough money to have our chicks again this year. Thank you! Living Eggs will be delivering our eggs on Monday 15th April, so our eggs & chicks will be with us from **15th-26th April**.



## Parents Rota

Next week, there will be a sign up sheet put up on the door in the lobby - if you are able to please sign up to come in & help in Pre-school - your help is always welcome!

## Accidents outside of Pre-school

Please remember to let Anna/Nicky or your child's key worker know of any accidents, injuries, bumps etc that happen outside of Pre-school.

## Tapestry



We hope that you are enjoying viewing your child's Learning Journey online. Please feel free to make any comments or add your own pictures of activities at home. Please let your child's key worker know if you have added anything to share, as we would love to see them and have your child share any pictures during their session. Parents have said that Tapestry is easier to use if you download the app. Please ask if you need any help with using Tapestry.

## Dates for your Diaries

### Term Dates

Half term is from 12th February - 16th February 2024

Finish for the Easter holidays on Thursday 28th March 2024

### Easter Workshop

Tuesday 26th March 11:00-12:00pm (Details to follow)

### Summer Term Dates

Monday 15th April to Friday 19th July 2024

Half term: 27th May to 31st May 2024

(Also closed for Bank Holiday Monday 6th May)



## What's On at Cheam Baptist Church

10.30am Sunday Morning Service

This is also being live streamed on YouTube, just type in Cheam Baptist Church

There is a creche and also children's groups. You are very welcome to join us!

## Ideas to do at Home



### **Song to sing:**

5 little snowmen jumping in the snow,  
1 fell down and bumped his toe,  
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,  
No more snowmen jumping in the snow!

4 little snowmen .... 3 little snowmen ...2 little snowmen...

1 little snowman jumping in the snow,  
1 fell down and bumped his toe,  
Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,  
Put those snowmen back to bed!

### **Pre-writing skills in shaving foam!**

**Story to read:** Handa's Surprise  
By Eileen Browne

*Sorting, counting, feeling, eating lots of fruit & vegetables!  
Try making a fruit salad, chopping the fruit & counting it as you put it in the bowl.*

## **Useful Information**

### Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Here is a very useful guide to the EYFS Curriculum—well worth a read!

[What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf) ([foundationyears.org.uk](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk))

### Keeping the under fives safe online

Childnet has prepared a guide for parents of the under 5s

[Keeping Under Fives Safe Online | Childnet](https://www.childnet.co.uk/parents/keeping-under-fives-safe-online/)

