Brightwalton Preschool Newsletter

Autumn Term Dates

Autumn Term starts

Mon 7th Sept - Fri 23rd Oct

Half Term
Mon 26th Oct - Fri 30th Oct

Term starts
Mon 2nd Nov - Fri 11th Dec
half day on Friday 11th December
Xmas Show

Key Dates

Halloween
Friday 23rd October

Come dressed as a ghost, witch, skeleton or a pumpkin for the day at Preschool.

Diwali Monday 9th Nov

Children in Need
Friday 13th Nov

Friday 11th December @ 10.30am
Preschool Christmas Show

All children are involved in the Christmas show and parents and extended family are invited to watch.

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Dear Parents and Carers, Welcome Back to Preschool – Autumn Term

A very warm welcome back to all our returning families after the summer holidays, and a very special welcome to all the new families joining our Preschool community this Autumn Term. We hope you have all enjoyed a lovely summer and are feeling ready for a new term.

We will spend time settling back into our routines, building relationships and helping everyone feel happy, confident and ready to learn.

This Autumn, we are excited to begin our new topic, "People Who Help Us."

Throughout the term, we will be exploring the many different people who help us in our everyday lives and learning about the important jobs they do within our community. We will talk about what different people do, where they work, the equipment they use and, most importantly, how they help and care for others.

Our learning will be brought to life through stories, conversations, songs, creative activities, investigations and lots of opportunities for imaginative play.

We will be sharing a variety of books about people who help us, encouraging the children to listen carefully, learn new vocabulary, ask questions and talk about their own experiences.

We will also be discovering that people help us around the clock. We will think about the people who work overnight while many of us are tucked up in bed asleep.

Meeting Real-Life Helpers

One of the most exciting parts of our topic will be welcoming real-life people who help us into Preschool.

We hope to invite a variety of visitors to come and talk to the children about their jobs and share their experiences. The children will have the opportunity to ask questions, find out about their uniforms and equipment and learn more about what happens during a typical day at work.

These special visits will help the children make meaningful connections between the things we talk about in Preschool and the world around them.

Our Role-Play Adventures

Our role-play area will be transformed throughout the term into a whole range of exciting places linked to our topic.

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The children might become firefighters rushing to an emergency in their fire engine, doctors and nurses caring for patients in our hospital, vets looking after poorly animals, or shopkeepers and customers working in our different shops. We may even find ourselves aboard a lifeboat!

Through these experiences children will be encouraged to use their imaginations, develop their language and communication skills, solve problems, negotiate roles and work together. Most importantly, they will have lots of fun as they explore the different ways people help one another.

Celebrating Diwali

We will be celebrating Diwali, the Festival of Lights. We will learn about some of the traditions and celebrations associated with Diwali through stories, music, creative activities and conversations.

The children will have the opportunity to dress up in traditional clothing, explore beautiful colours and patterns, and enjoy trying some traditional Diwali foods and treats. We will also explore the meaning of light and how Diwali is celebrated by families around the world.

It will be a lovely opportunity to celebrate diversity, learn about different cultures.

Taking Our Learning Outdoors

This Autumn, we will be making the most of our wonderful woodland area, using it as an extension of our classroom and creating exciting opportunities for learning outdoors.

We will regularly take the nursery up to the woodland for hands-on outdoor learning experiences, allowing the children to explore, investigate and discover the natural world around them. Autumn provides us with so many wonderful things to observe , changing leaves, conkers, acorns, sticks, fungi and the changing colours and textures of the season.

We will be taking our painting and drawing outdoors, encouraging the children to use the woodland as inspiration for their artwork.

We will also be embarking on some exciting bushcraft experiences, giving the children opportunities to develop practical skills, work together and learn how to use and respect the natural environment. We will explore activities such as collecting and sorting natural materials, creating woodland shelters, making nature art and learning about the different things we can find within our woodland environment.

Being outdoors provides children with wonderful opportunities to develop their confidence, resilience, physical skills, communication, problem-solving and independence, while allowing them the freedom to explore and learn at their own pace.

Learning Through Our Daily Routines

Alongside our exciting topic work and outdoor learning, our key areas of development will continue to be an important part of every Preschool day.

Sensory Circuits will continue each morning, helping the children to prepare their bodies and minds for the day ahead. These activities support coordination, balance, movement, body awareness and concentration.

Our PE sessions will continue throughout the term, giving the children opportunities to develop their physical skills, confidence, coordination and teamwork through a range of fun and active activities.

Phonics will play a daily part in our schedule as we develop the children's listening skills, awareness of sounds and early phonics knowledge through stories, rhymes, songs, games and practical activities.

Our Messy Maths will also continue every day, providing hands-on opportunities to explore numbers, counting, patterns, shape, space, measure and problem-solving. We want the children to see that maths is everywhere and can be explored through play, investigation and everyday experiences.

A New Season of Learning

Autumn is such a lovely time of year to begin a new Preschool adventure. As the leaves begin to change colour and the world around us changes with the season, there will be plenty of opportunities for outdoor exploration, collecting natural objects, noticing changes in the environment and celebrating the beauty of Autumn.

We are looking forward to watching the children grow in confidence, develop new friendships, follow their interests and discover more about the amazing people who help us every day.

Here's to a wonderful Autumn Term filled with curiosity, creativity, friendship, learning and lots of fun!

Sarah