Half-Termly Newsletter

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Welcome to a new preschool year!

It has been lovely welcoming everyone back to preschool and seeing the children settle into the new term. We have also been delighted to welcome our new children and families and hope you are already beginning to feel part of our preschool community.

The children have had a fantastic start to the term, getting to know their new routines, reconnecting with friends and building relationships with the staff. We are really looking forward to the year ahead and have lots of exciting learning opportunities, experiences and events planned.

As always, thank you to all our families for your continued support. Please remember that our door is always open, so if you have any questions, concerns or anything you would like to discuss, please speak to a member of the team.

Our First Weeks

What a lovely start we have had to the new preschool year! The first few weeks have been all about **settling in, building relationships and helping the children feel happy, safe and secure** at preschool.

The children have been exploring the environment, learning our routines, making new friendships and becoming familiar with their key people.

Our *All About Me* learning has given us lots of opportunities to talk about ourselves, our families and what makes each of us special. We have also been enjoying **Owl Babies**, meeting **King One from Ten Town**, sharing familiar photographs and getting creative with our drawings.

It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence growing already and we are excited to see what the rest of the term brings.

This half term's learning

What we'll be exploring

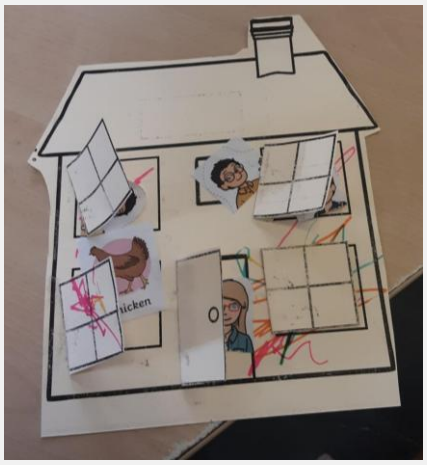
All About Me -This half term our learning is centred around helping children develop a strong sense of **belonging, confidence and independence**, while learning more about themselves and the people around them.

We will be exploring:

- Settling in, friendships and our preschool routines
- Ourselves and our families
- Our bodies and how they move
- Feelings, emotions and ways to help us regulate
- Similarities, differences and what makes us unique
- Autumn and Halloween
- Stories, songs and rhymes linked to our learning
- Early phonics through **Jolly Phonics**
- Numbers and early maths through **Ten Town**
- Communication through talking, listening and **Signalong**
- Independence, turn-taking, sharing and looking after ourselves

How you can support at home

- Talk about **family members, friends and people who are important** to your child.
- Encourage your child to talk about and **name their feelings** – happy, sad, excited, worried, angry etc.
- Name **parts of the body** during everyday routines and talk about what our bodies can do.
- Encourage independence with **dressing, handwashing, tidying up and looking after belongings**.
- Share **books, songs and rhymes** together and give your child plenty of time to talk about what they see.
- Look for **numbers in everyday life** and count objects together.
- Notice the changing season – talk about **leaves, weather, colours and other signs of autumn**.







Dates for your diary

Date	Event / reminder
5th Oct	AGM
22nd Oct	Last day of Preschool
23rd-30th Oct	Half Term
2nd Nov	Preschool reopens
18th December	Nativity and Christmas party

Important reminders

Attendance matters

Regular attendance at preschool is really important. It helps children to **settle, build secure relationships, develop friendships and benefit from the learning and experiences we provide**. Please try to attend all booked sessions wherever possible and let us know if your child is going to be absent.

Belongings

Please clearly name all belongings and ensure your child has a **full change of clothes** in their bag each day.

Preschool news

A fresh start for September

Lots of work took place over the summer to improve our preschool environment, both inside and outside. We are really pleased with the changes and have enjoyed seeing the children exploring and making use of the refreshed spaces.

Forest School

Mrs Bonnett has recently started her **Forest School training** and is excited to begin bringing more Forest School-inspired experiences into preschool. We are looking forward to developing this further and giving the children even more opportunities to explore, investigate and learn outdoors.

Fundraising & committee

AGM – Monday 5th October at 7.30pm
Our preschool is a **committee-run charity** and our AGM is an opportunity to hear more about the preschool, meet the committee and find out how you can get involved. We would love to see as many parents and carers there as possible.

Can you help with fundraising?
Our fundraising makes a real difference to the experiences and resources we are able to provide for the children. You **don't need to join the committee** to get involved! We have a fundraising WhatsApp group for anyone who would be happy to help occasionally, share ideas or support our events. **Please speak to Hollie if you would like to be added.**

What's coming next?
We are already busy behind the scenes planning our **next fundraising events** – keep an eye on Famly for dates and details coming soon!

Other ways to support us
Don't forget you can support preschool through **Easyfundraising** and **My School Fund** by registering on their websites.

Preschool Wishes which located on the entrance fence, is our way of asking for small donations. If you are able to help by donating one of the items. Just hand one of the dowels to a member of staff to let them know you will be able to donate the item. Thank you in advance for your support.

Did you know?

Some children may be eligible for **Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)**. This provides additional funding that we can use to support your child's learning, development and individual needs through resources, experiences or additional support.

If you think your child may be eligible, or you're unsure, **please speak to Hollie in confidence** and we can help you find out more.

Thank you for your continued support of Beetley & District Preschool