



September 2024 Newsletter

A big welcome back after the Summer break - lovely to see everyone again and welcome our new starters into our pre-school family 😊

This term we will be focusing on changes and growth and decay in the environment as we say goodbye to Summer and hello to Autumn. This is part of "Understanding the World", which is one area of our curriculum. I have attached a link to the Birth to Five guidance for parents as a reminder of what we do and some of the things your child will learn at pre-school. Did you know we also have our own pre-school curriculum? This is built up of what we think is important for your child to know when they leave pre-school, ready for their new adventure. More details to follow.

Last year we had a huge focus on **cooking/baking**. This year, we are focusing on **craft items** to make and bring home - the children will practise drawing, painting, sewing, cutting, planning their work and using their imagination. First crafts arriving this week.

Changes

With the addition of younger children, we have made some changes to the group names and no longer have caterpillars and butterflies.

We now have Explorers, Adventurers and Investigators. The children will be split into these groups for their focused learning (circle time).

*This term, the **Investigators** are reading the story, **The Very Busy Spider** by Eric Carle. We are focusing on listening and attention skills and being able to retell the story. We are also creating our own song and dance around the story to perform to the other groups. We are using our creative skills to make a wonderful display board.*

The **Adventurers** and **Explorers** are in a group together this term and are reading the story, "Dear Zoo" by Rod Campbell with Jo. They will be developing



their listening and attention skills, learning different animal sounds and BSL signs for those animals which encourages verbal communication. Dear Zoo is also playing at Cast Theatre in Doncaster Wednesday 30th October and Thursday 31st October.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 12th September and Thursday 10th October 2-2:30 Library visit

We enjoy a walk to Meadow Lane and spend 30 minutes in the mobile library sharing stories ready to choose some to bring back to pre-school 😊 if this is not your child's session time, why not pop along and meet us there?

Visit to Farmer Nigel - we are going to be visiting Grange Ash Farm more details to follow

Harvest Festival - at St Stephen's Church more details to follow

Tuesday 15th October - Pumpkin Picking at Scalby Grange - 3:45

Meet us after the pre-school session to pick some pumpkins! We will choose some for pre-school to explore, carve and decorate - this is a great opportunity to also learn and decay as we watch what happens to the pumpkins over time.

Thursday 24th October - Halloween Party - 10:30-12

The children can come in their spookiest costumes and enjoy some party food and games. This is open to all children and parents/carers.

Fundraising

Over the summer, I ran Howden 10k to raise money to transform the toilet area. A huge thank you to everyone who donated. A massive £515 was raised and the toilet area looks so much better - the children love it. The nappy area is currently getting its own transformation. Please see the Facebook page for the photos of the new toilet.

If you have any fundraising ideas, please get in touch. We are a charity and fundraising is really important for us.



SEND News

If you would like to contact our SENDco - Jo, please either email newportsendco@earlyexplorers.org.uk or speak to Jo in the setting. The latest Local Offer Bulletin will be sent on Thursday.

If you need any further help or advice regarding SEND, SENDIASS are available to help, <https://www.eastridingsendiass.org.uk/get-in-touch/>

Ideas for Home Learning

Please see the attached activity sheets for some junk modelling ideas. Junk modelling is also excellent for the imagination, what else can you think to make?

Send in some photos on EY so we can see the wonderful creations 😊



Reminders

We get outside in most weathers, if possible please can you send in puddle suits, wellies warm coats and hats as the weather starts to change - thank you.

Diary dates

Monday 28th October - half term

Monday 4th November - pre-school opens

Friday 20th December - last day of term

Tuesday 7th January - pre-school opens