



Welcome

This month we welcome Joseph, Sofia, Sophia, and Teddy and their families to pre-school.

September Increase of Hours

If you would like to increase hours in September then please talk to Carrie as some of our sessions are already filling up.

Frogspawn

The frogs have been busy in Carrie's pond, very noisily laying their frogspawn!!! We will have some for a couple of months, so there will be lots of chances to observe them before they make that very special transformation into frogs - usually around the beginning of May. (They then go back to the pond)

World Book Day and Book week

World Book Day this year is on Thursday 5th March, and we will celebrate with a special book week.

- bring in your favourite books
- share a story with your child in different places (sheet attached)
 - parents, grandparents or carers - come and read a story (please sign up against a time-slot on the notice board)

World Book Day Token

Please also find attached to this letter two World Book Day tokens to be used in any participating bookshops between 25th Feb and 31st March. There are a range of £1 books and other books can be purchased for £1 off their standard price. Only one book token can be used for each book purchased.

Training - Optimising Children's reading and writing

Emma and Laura have recently attended a two day training course focussing on optimising children's reading and writing.

You will be pleased to hear that many of the strategies they suggested we already use :) Of particular significance was the importance of reading stories and sharing books with your children. Taking the time to make it a good quality story time is so important. Time to explore language, look at the illustrations in detail, talk about the story afterwards - encouraging them to recall the story. The language they are exposed to in stories has a major impact on their language and cognitive development.

Diary Dates

Friday 3 rd April 2020	End of Term 4
Monday 20 th April	Start of Term 5
Thursday 7 th May	Elections - Details to be confirmed
Friday 8 th May	Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th May	Trip to Langford Lakes (all welcome)
Friday 22 nd May	End of Term 5

Best Wishes, Carrie, Emma, Laura, Danni & Wendy.