

This week we have.....

Been looking at light and the different types of light, we made a dark tent and used the star projector to look at the stars and talk about how the dark makes us feel. We also used a projector under the table, looking at the lights reflecting on the underside of the table, the Children loved this.

Used the lightbox for drawing, for looking at objects and for watching the object change colour.

Looked at star constellations and the Northern Lights.

Been very creative with paint, the Children have created lots of wonderful masterpieces and have had great fun mixing colours to see what they made.

Been dressing up in nativity clothes and learning the story of Christmas, we have started to talk about Christmas around the world and how people celebrate. We have also spoken about people not celebrating Christmas and how they celebrate other Religious Festivals instead.

Had some yummy hot chocolate and because we love Hygge Friday and today we had a cosy Hygge day with Brioche, Christmas Stories and of course snuggly blankets and cushions.



Drinks

We just want to reassure you that your Children do drink during their time with us at Pre-School.

We offer Milk and Water at Snack times (hence the Makaton Signs) and if your Child's water bottle needs filling, we will refill it, so sometimes the bottles may come back to you quite full.

Your Childs water bottles are easily accessible for your Child to drink from whenever they wish throughout the day.

Reminders

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Reindeer Trail and Craft Packs

<https://buytickets.at/cholseypreschool/454494>

Thank you to those of you who have your 'Your School Lottery' tickets, lottery gift vouchers can also be brought at

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/gift>

Santa is coming to Cholsey thanks to Wallingford 1155 on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th December.

Dates for your Diary (please check Newsletters and online Notice Board for updates)

Christmas Holiday

PLEASE NOTE

Pre-School Finishes 11.45am 18th December

Pre-School Stars Monday 4th January

Amazon Wish List

We have been asked to share our Amazon wish list again with you.

Our wish list changes regularly as we are adding things to it which we would love for the setting whilst we go through our Hygge training.

Due to lack of fundraising opportunities because of COVID-19 we have been unable to purchase these ourselves.

So, thank you in advance and here is the link https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/18V7A7A7E605D/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

Potty Training

Going to the toilet can be a difficult skill to master, it takes time, patience and perseverance. You may think your Child should have mastered it by now because your friends Child has or your other Children did, but remember they aren't that Child they are an individual.

The main thing with helping your child learning to go to the toilet is to persevere, each Child will get there in their own time. A Child will become distressed if they are made to go to the toilet when they are not ready, so it is important to look for cues that indicate they are ready.

They need to learn and understand the feeling of needing to go to the toilet and associate it with actually going. Sometimes Children can actually feel scared about going to the toilet, which is why it is important to not make a big deal over accidents and make it a positive experience with lots of praise (remember, we all had to learn this skill at one point!!!).

Children can also be afraid of going to the toilet, especially when it is a poo. They may associate poo with pain, they may be afraid of sitting on the toilet, they may be worried you will get angry with them

You may wonder why your Child has accidents at Pre-School and not at home; accidents are a normal part of a Childs development at this age, especially when they are in a busy environment with lots of other Children, sometimes they just forget to go as they are having too much fun and are too busy playing!! We don't make a big deal over these accidents as it can make the Child feel bad and sometimes set them back, we gently remind and encourage the Children to go to the toilet at various times of the day and praise when needed.

For more help with the subject please do look at the guidance on the links below and the attached PDF to the email that accompanies this Newsletter.

<https://www.eric.org.uk/our-vision>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/potty-training-tips/>

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/behaviour/toileting/parents>