

PRE-SCHOOL

This week we have.....

Been looking at herbs as part of our Wanderlust: A Nature Study Programme. We have been planting herbs in our herb garden and mark making our labels to identify them.

Used a range of herbs in our mud kitchen, mixing the herbs into the mud making wonderful pancakes and pies.

Made some natural playdough and added herbs to it, looking at the texture the herbs gave to the playdough and seeing if they coloured it.

Talked about the smells and texture of herbs, seeing what herbs we liked the smell of the most.

Used herbal teas in our water tray, looking at the smells and colours of the tea. The children then held a 'tea party' in the water tray and came up with flavours for the tea. We witnessed lots of co-operative play where the children would share each other's tea.

Made a dam out of sand and water, the dam was then bashed down and we watched the water escape. This led to great discussions on how and why this happened and a repeat building of the dam.

Seen lots of imaginative play by the children when they asked for plain boxes. These plain boxes turned into police cars, tunnels, houses and a seat. A small box was turned into a birds nest, complete with bits of wool for the birds and ledges for the birds to hop on inside.

Been looking at managing anger during group time, how does it make us feel? What do we do when we feel angry? We spoke about how we can help someone who is angry.

Used Magnet numbers on the light box. With these we have been singing number rhymes to help recognise our numbers. We also used the giant abacus to recite and count.



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

Half Term

28th May 3.30pm

Pre-School Starts

7th June

Inset Day

25th June Pre-School Closed

End of School Year

16th July at 3.30pm

Reminders and Requests

Please could we now ask you to bring in a pair of indoor shoes. This is so we can help the children get used to changing their shoes from indoor to outdoor and also helps us keep Pre-School a little cleaner from the sand and mud. These shoes should be easy for the children to put on and take off and have their names in them.

Can we please ask again that fruit for snack is put in a bag/box with your child's name on. It is hard for us to know whose apple/banana/raisins they are without a name on.

Please remember you can support Pre-School in many ways.
By joining our committee.
Taking part in Your School Lottery or Give as you Live.
Making a video or you reading a story or a video with gardening/cooking tips for our YOU TUBE channel.
Please let us know if you can help.



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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

SUPPORT US
Through Thick & Thin

- Help us raise essential school funds
- Support our lottery from just £1 a week
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To support your school, go to:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: **Chobley Pre-school**

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Spreading Love and Kindness

We want you to know how well your children are doing and how well you are doing. These have been tough times for us all, with many changes and limitations. Pre-School has had to change and adapt and you and your children have coped so well with this. Everything has been taken in their stride and their resilience shines through, we couldn't be prouder of all of them.

This week in Pre-School we have had some wonderful discussions, stemming from the children, about love and kindness. The children spoke a lot about how they could help someone who was feeling sad or was upset, how they can make people smile and be happy. This has been wonderful to see when it has been put in practice, how the children reacted to one of their peers if they were sad or angry.

Spreading love and kindness is a big part of Hygge and something we want to implement more of in Pre-School, not just for our children but our families as well. This is why we put out an ask for anyone willing to do a video story or offering advice on gardening/cooking for our YOU TUBE channel.

Children will learn love and kindness through the adult influences in their lives, like sponges they soak up our reactions to situations. If for example stressful situations or anger are dealt with an adult shouting, this is what the child will learn and so it will continue.

If the adults around them, parents/carers, immediate/extended family and friends show love and kindness the children will take this on. Of course, this doesn't mean there shouldn't be boundaries, we all know boundaries can be good and boundaries will be pushed.

For more information on Family links please do click on these links.

<https://www.familylinks.org.uk/parent-zone>

<https://www.familylinks.org.uk/resources-for-parents>

For those interested in Hygge, Hygge in the Early Years offer a Home Learning Course for you to do at home with your family. Click on the link for more details.

<https://hyggeintheearlyyears.mykajabi.com/offers/qu88g4Gt/checkout>