

## PRE-SCHOOL

### This week we have.....

Welcoming the children back in to Pre-School after half term, this can always be a tricky time but they did so well and it was like they had never been away.

Been looking at spiders as part of our Wanderlust: A Nature Study Programme.

Been talking about spiders. We spoke about how spiders are arachnids and how they are different to insects. We spoke about what they eat, the webs they make and how the spiders maybe more afraid of us than we are of them! We have also been reading a lovely book called Spinderella.

Been investigating ice after the recent cold spell had frozen some water, the children felt the ice to see how it felt, the children said it felt cold. They also spoke about what was in the ice, there were some leaves, and were looking to see if the ice melted.

Been speaking about Diwali and Tia's mummy had made some Diwali bags for all the children and had explained how they celebrate Diwali. We also made Rangoli patterns and listened to a Diwali story.

Been speaking about Bonfire Night and fireworks. We have talked about why we have bonfire night and whether the children like fireworks. We talked about the colours and sounds of the fireworks and some children did some firework inspired art work.



Photo from one of our families celebrating Diwali



A walk around our village

## December

December is a month full of celebrations and we do love to explore all celebrations at Pre-School.

We would like to know from you what you celebrate in December and how you celebrate as a family.

Please do let us know all about them, send photos and let us know your traditions whether traditional or just for your family.

## Primary School applications

Application for Primary School places are now open.

Everyone who would like a Primary School place needs to apply, this doesn't get done for you by Pre-School.

The deadline for applying is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Once again, we cannot guarantee being at Cholsey Pre-School will get your child a place at Cholsey School, this is out of our hands and places are given by the County Council.

We have attached further information for you with this email.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications/make-application>

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

### Applications for Primary School open

This is now open

### Christmas Holidays

Pre-School finishes Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 11.45am, Pre-School Christmas Party (details to follow)

Pre-School starts January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Half Term

Pre-School finishes at 3.30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Pre-School starts Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 8.45 am (or 8am for breakfast club)