

PRE-SCHOOL

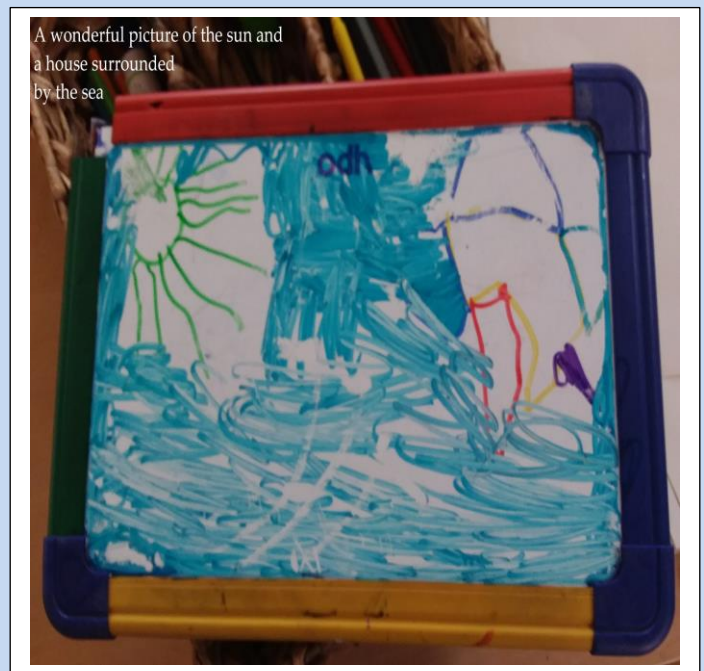
This week we have.....

Been settling in, sometimes the second week can be a little more difficult, but once again they have settled well. We are seeing some wonderful play and interactions that we wouldn't expect to see just yet.

Been getting into the Pre-School routine, having our group times, talking about our Pre-School rules, being amazing tidy up rangers at tidy up time, having wonderful table manners at snack and lunch times as well as tidying up after themselves.

Learnt our good morning song and our goodbye song.

Been exploring inside and outside of Pre-School and playing with our new friends.



Next week.....

We are looking at Owls as part of our Wanderlust: A Nature Study Programme

The need for afterschool club.

We are trying to gauge the need for an afterschool club, this would be till 4.30pm and would be an added cost (yet to be determined).

Please note that this is just us trying to determine the need and would not happen straight away.

Please do let us know your answer by clicking on this link [surveymonkey](#)

CHOKO Beer and Family Festival

Thank you to all of you who have responded to our need for volunteers to run some activities at the CHOKO event.

We are still in need of more volunteers, an hour of your time would be fantastic, please ask your family as well if they can help if you cannot.

We need about 5 people per hour to make this work, the doodle poll link will let you know where we need you the most.

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/b6RzVJzb>

Fundraising

We have been asked how you can help Pre-School in regards to fundraising. There are many ways, from donating time at our events to being part of our committee and helping with organising fundraising events. There will be an AGM soon which will have details of how you can join our committee.

I have also attached a link to our website fundraising page which has details of ways to support us.

All money raised goes back into Pre-School, many of the lovely items you see in and outside of Pre-School have been bought with the money that has been fundraised or through our wish lists (these change constantly inline with our needs, terms and seasons).

<https://cholseypreschool.co.uk/staff-and-setting/staff-setting/fundraising/>

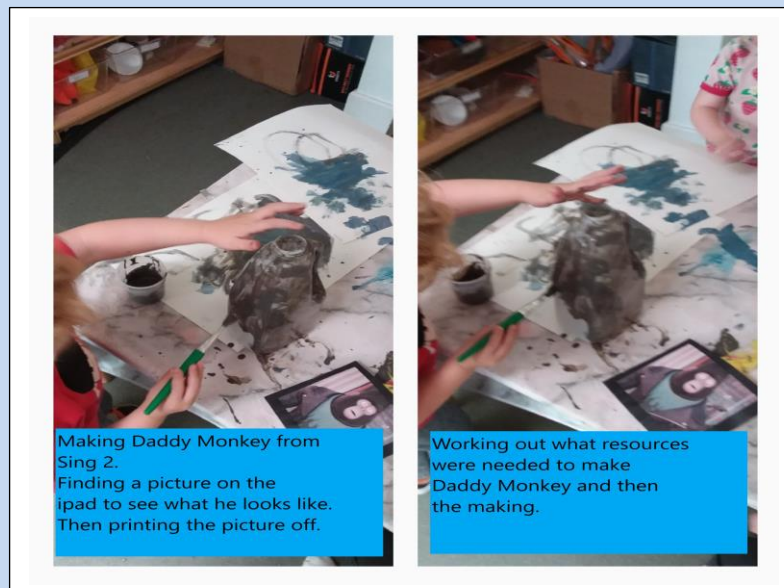
Individual Photographs

We are having Tempest Photography at Pre-School on November the 15th for individual photos.

If your child is already in on a Tuesday morning please let us know if you would like them to have their photo taken and we will sort this throughout the morning session. If we do not have your permission your child's photo will not be taken.

If your child is not in on a Tuesday morning and you would like them to have their photo taken, we will put a sign-up sheet outside of Pre-School next week with times for you to put your child's name against. You can then bring your child to Pre-School at that time for their photo.

Please be aware if your child becomes distressed and they do not want their photo taken they will not be made to.



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

Monday 19th September Pre-School closed for the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.

Friday 21st October Pre-School finishes at 3.30pm for October Half Term.

Monday 31st October Term 2 Starts

Tuesday 15th November Tempest Photography at Pre-School, individual photos.

Messy Play - Please do not wear your best clothes and bring spares!

Messy play can strike fear into most of us, the mess, the clear up, the clothes that need of washing and so on.

But did you know how beneficial messy play is for your child?

Messy play allows children to explore and make sense of the world around them, experiment and use their senses and increase their creativity, language and communication.

In order to write your child must first develop the muscles in their bodies, starting with the big muscles and then the small. Improving their gross motor skills and then working on their fine motor skills, messy play helps children develop their pre-writing skills. Mark making with sticks in sand or rolling playdough helps to develop their big muscles and gross motor skills; squishing, squeezing gloopy sand can help build strength in the smaller muscle groups. Using tweezers and scissors helps develop their fine motor skills.

Children's language and communication is extended by talking about with they are experiencing, doing, creating and speaking to their peers or adult encouraging back and forth communication, team work and understanding. Following instructions helps children develop a love for reading.

Maths and Science is also explored through messy play, the force of water travelling down pipes pushing items along with it for example. Weighing and measuring, numbers, shapes and experimentation all come with messy play

Hand-Eye co-ordination is also developed during this type of play by the transportation of sand or water for example or by tipping and pouring from one pot to another.

Appreciating and understanding nature is also learnt about through messy play, messy play also helps children to control their emotions, often offering them a calming activity.

To be honest there are so many benefits to messy play and children's learning and because these benefits outweigh the negatives (messy clothes, wet shoes and so on) we will continue to have this at the heart of our learning. Children and clothes can be washed but the memories and learning achieved from this type of play will last a lifetime.

We always recommend bringing your child to Pre-School in clothes you do not mind getting messy time and time again and to pop some spares in their bag.