

# Chicks Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2021



Dear Parents, Guardians and Children

We cannot believe we are at the end of our first half term already, although it has gone by in a flash and we have enjoyed every moment.

We would like to welcome Vinnie, Billie and Brayden, who have all settled well and we look forward to welcoming Freddie after half term. We have been really impressed by the way the children have adapted to new routines and new faces, and it has been a real pleasure to be part of their learning life and give them many opportunities to play, learn and grow in our setting.

Our topic when we return after the half term will be **'SPACE'**. There will be many opportunities to learn about what is beyond the sky, how to get there, what planet do we live on, why is Earth special, visiting the moon, what are stars and imagine living on other planets! More to follow later on in the newsletter.

It would be wonderful if you can share books with your child as often as possible, ask them lots of questions and have discussions to help them with their understanding.

We believe that children should have as many opportunities to socialise and play as possible, whatever the weather. If you could practise some basic skills with your child at home, it would be very beneficial to their personal and social development. These include: putting on their own socks and shoes, putting on their own coats, learning to do zips and buttons.

We would like to wish you all a well-deserved half term holiday, and looking forward to hearing about what the children have been up to on their return.

Kind regards

Mrs Smith (Pre-School Leader), Mrs Wheatley (Learning Support Assistant) Miss Ball and Miss Barber (Apprentices)



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# Uniform

## Uniform

We ask that children wear sensible, durable clothing appropriate for all seasons and all play activities. Examples include joggers, leggings, T-shirts and jumpers or cardigans. Supportive, closed footwear, such as school shoes, trainers or plimsolls are best. Children need a hooded coat every day to ensure that they can play outside. We will also send prompts throughout the year about more seasonal clothing, such as hats, gloves, scarves and sun hats.

Uniform is not compulsory in Pre-School, however, if you would like your child to wear the school uniform, our uniform for children up to Year 4 is as follows:

### **School uniform:**

- White or navy polo-shirt (school logo available)
- Dark grey school trousers with grey/black socks
- Dark grey school skirt or pinafore with white socks or navy tights
- Black school shoes
- Navy V-neck or round neck jumper (school logo available)
- Navy cardigan (school logo available)

### **Additions for the Autumn term:**

- Named hat , gloves and scarfs
- Suitable footwear for the weather



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We have a **Wow Wall** filled with achievement stars, and we love to celebrate anything the children have achieved at home, however big or small. I will be placing some stars in your child's bag and would really appreciate you sending them back when they have done something they would like to share and celebrate with their friends. I also really enjoy writing stars for any achievements we see at Pre-School.

Alternatively, you can email us via the school office and we will happily write out a star.

[office@moggerhangerprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@moggerhangerprimary.co.uk)

## Special Books

*How to Catch a Star*

*Beegu*

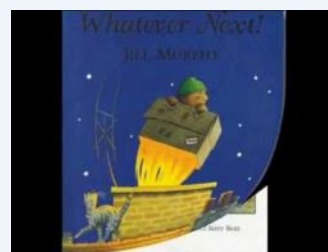
*Zoom, Rocket, Zoom!*

*Aliens love Underpants*

*Whatever Next!*

*Bringing Down the Moon*

*You Choose in Space*



## Friendly Reminder

Could all parents/guardians please make sure that they bring a spare change of clothes everyday (for water play or toileting purposes). Also, could we ask parents/guardians to return any spare clothes they may have at home, which have been borrowed.

We do provide fruit at snack time, however, you are more than welcome to provide your child their own healthy snack. Can we ask that grapes, tomatoes and any other smaller sized food is cut lengthways to avoid choking.

Please remember **NO NUTS** due to children with severe allergies. Thank you for your support.

## Forest School

Forest School will be taking place every **Thursday** afternoon.

A slight change from last year, though, please—if children usually come dressed in school uniform can they still wear their uniform on a Thursday, they will wear outside waterproof clothing over the top of their uniform (we do have some spare waterproofs, if needed). Please note that uniform is not compulsory in Pre-School.



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# Curriculum Information

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## Curriculum – Early Years Foundation Stage

The areas of the curriculum we will be focusing on this term are as follows:

### Personal, Social and Emotional development, Making relationships:

- ◆ To develop a sense of community and responsibility
- ◆ Show increasing confidence in social situations

### Communication and Language, Speaking:

- ◆ Sing songs and talk about familiar stories

### Literacy, Reading:

- ◆ To develop phonological awareness

### Physical development, Moving and handling:

- ◆ Develop movement skills- gross motor, body control and strength.
- ◆ Develop fine motor skills- scissor skills, cutlery, preference for a dominant hand
- ◆ Independent dressing and self-care- making healthy choices

### Maths, Numbers

- ◆ Experiment with their own symbols and marks
- ◆ Solve real world problems to 5
- ◆

### Understanding of the World, People and Communities:

- ◆ To develop positive attitudes to people and their differences

### Expressive Art and Design, Exploring & using media and materials:

- ◆ Listen to sounds and to remember to sing entire songs and pitch match songs



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# General Reminders

- Please could all items of clothing (including coats) and belongings be **named**. That way we can return any items that may have been misplaced.
- Please ensure your child brings in a water bottle every day. The children will have access to their bottles throughout the day, and they can be re-filled when needed.
- Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing for the season, including a **hooded waterproof** jacket, sunhat, sun glasses and sun cream; a warm hat and gloves may be necessary as the weather starts to change.
- **Forest School** is every **Thursday** afternoon. School uniform to be worn if the children already do, waterproofs will be worn to protect their clothes.
- Please send in spare clothing in their bag every day in case of accidents, or getting wet outside, etc.
- If you have any queries, please do get in touch by emailing [office@moggerhangerprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@moggerhangerprimary.co.uk) and our office team will be more than happy to pass on your question to the relevant staff member.



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