



Pre School Newsletter 2.

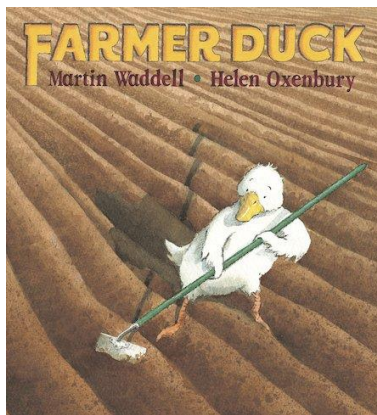
Our October topic 'Autumn' has been going very well with lots of chat about seasonal change.

We have been looking for signs of Autumn in our outdoor learning environment and have collected leaves and noticed fungi and lots of spider webs.



We have also been learning about life on the farm during harvest and caring for animals.

We recently read a story called 'Farmer Duck' which is a great read promoting child participation of joining in familiar and repetitive phrases.



Pupil target for the month

To put on my coat.

We have been supporting the children in this task while at the same time promoting a 'can do', 'have a go' attitude.

At this point in the year, it is not expected that Pre-School children will be able to fasten their coat, this will come later.

There are a few methods the children can use to put their coat on independently.

The Hood Trick



The Chair Trick



The Coat Flip Trick



Outdoor play

A large part of the Pre-School Curriculum and learning experiences are through play in the outdoor environment.

As the Autumn weather is here, it is important that your child brings a weatherproof (yet warm) coat to school each day for our outdoor session. We go outdoors every day, even in rainy weather!

As the weather continues to become colder as we approach Winter, please ensure that any additional items e.g. hats, scarves, gloves or mittens are well labelled.

Thank you for sending in all the lovely and well labelled wellies and waterproof trousers.

Remember!

"There's no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing." Sir Rannulph Fiennes



Getting Ready to Learn

I hope you have been able to access the great resources in the Parent section of the Getting Ready To Learn website using the invite code sent previously.

At St. MacNissi's, we are involved in the Big Bedtime Read theme and have a beautifully stocked home lending library which we can't wait to start sending home into the next half term.

In advance of the home lending beginning, we will be hosting a parent information session about the project where we will share the key messages about the Big Bedtime Read.



There will also be an opportunity for the children to participate in a parent and child workshop on a different occasion.

I will be in touch to inform you about the dates of these sessions.



See Saw

Thank you for your participation in Seesaw. It is great to see so many families getting actively involved their child's digital learning journal.

Feel free to post additional happenings at home whether this is a photo of a drawing, a video clip of a saying a rhyme or a sound recording just to say hello - it's all about helping the children feel valued and making connections. There's no pressure either to post.

If for any reason you become disconnected from your child's log on and get signed out, please let one of the Pre-School team know or email school and we can print you off a new code.

A few things to try at home



Go on an Autumn walk.

Encourage your child to observe signs of Autumn e.g. leaves, seeds, berries.

Talk about shapes, sizes and colours observed.

Sort any collected items by colour, size or shape.

Think of words to describe the leaves e.g. crunchy, dry, smooth etc.

Touch count leaves, conkers, sycamore seeds.

Talk about the work of the farmer during harvest.

Taste some seasonal fruit and vegetables, describe colours, texture and taste.

Maybe even make an apple pie or pumpkin soup!

Scoop out a pumpkin to make a Jack O Lantern for Halloween. Use the pumpkin seeds to make a picture.

Dry the seeds and plant them later in the year.

Bring some into school to plant.

It's that time of the year!

It's the time of year again for coughs, colds and sneezes.

Unfortunately, this can mean some time off due to sickness especially if there is a temperature.

Please remember to follow up all periods of absence with an email confirming the date and reason for your child's absence as this forms part of their records.



Thank you to everyone who has generously donated tissues and baby wipes for all the little sore noses at Pre-School, it is much appreciated.

Uniform and belongings

Please ensure that your child's uniform and belongings are clearly labelled especially jumpers, coats and footwear.

Thank you for leaving all toys at home.

Wellies and waterproofs

As we move towards the more cold and wet weather it is important that all children have access to wellies and waterproof trousers/dungarees at school. We have been practising putting these items on over the past few weeks and intend to wear these items more regularly.

You are also welcome to send in a hat, gloves/mittens and a snood (over the head neck warmer)

Policies

Policies are available on the school website. Hard copies are located in the Pre School entrance hall for you to access if you wish.

Visitor to Pre-School

Vicky and Jo from Jo Jingles came to Pre-School on Friday 11th October. We enjoyed a super music session all about Old MacDonald's Farm. Vicky and Jo will be back to see us every month this year!

Dates for your diary

- 17/10/24 - Maths Week Assembly
- 18/10/24 - School Closed for Staff Inservice Training
- 24/10/24 - Parents' Association Halloween Disco in the Primary School assembly hall
- Halloween dress up - Friday 25th October
- Mid Term Break: 25/10/24 from midday.
- School reopens: 04/11/24



To all our Pre-School friends who are the big 4 this month!

Patrick - 6th October
Sönni - 8th October
Alexander - 10th October
Reuben - 15th October
Jensen - 25th October



And finally...

Wishing everyone a well-earned midterm break. And a Happy Halloween!

Take care,

Mrs P. McCorry, Mrs D. Lavery & Miss T. Mamo

