



## Dates for the diary

6<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day

14<sup>th</sup> March: session request form return date

28<sup>th</sup> March: Share session & committee chat

4<sup>th</sup> April: Last day of term

22<sup>nd</sup> April: 1<sup>st</sup> day of spring term

## Committee Chat

Feb 2025

We hope everyone managed to take some time to relax this half term. We continue to be in desperate need of new committee members and Hannah will be explaining more at the next share session on 28<sup>th</sup> March. In particular we are looking for people to shadow our current treasurer and secretary in preparation for these roles to be passed on in the next academic year so please do contact us for further information.

Easter will be fast upon us and we will be sending the children home with smartie tubes to enjoy over the holiday. We would be grateful if you could return the tubes with some change in them to be added to our resources piggy bank.

## The fun we've had

We have had a fantastic start to the new year at preschool. The children were so excited to tell staff about their Christmas fun and adventures. 🎄 🎁 Our first focus theme this half term has been all about space. We looked at the story "whatever next" and had great fun dressing up and roleplaying as the bear with cardboard boxes and colander hats. We enjoyed 🌍 ⭐ space role play as well as making and ordering planets out of play dough at the craft table. 🍪 🍌 We have also enjoyed exploring the theme Chinese New Year alongside the book 🐉 "dragons in the city". We tried some noodles and rice at snack time 🍜 🍚, explored mark making Chinese numbers and letters with paint/play dough 🎨 and explored characters from the story in the scooping tray. Outside the children have enjoyed bug hunting in the garden and getting muddy in the digging area. 🐛 We have been rolling, kicking and throwing balls as well as negotiating space outside with the ride ons and practicing our independence skills putting on our own wellies, coats, hats and gloves. 🧥 🧤 We have finished up by exploring all things red and pink with a heart theme. We especially like making pink foam bubbles and matching and scooping hearts in the large tray. ❤️ ❓

## Meet....

Jenny Springfield

I'm the manager of preschool and have been here for 3 years. I have 2 boys, one attended this preschool, and both are now in school. Before coming to preschool, I was a primary teacher and spent 5 years working in Reception, so I can answer any questions you have about what to expect when your child starts school. My favourite game to play as a child was schools!

## The help box

Help with toilet training:

<https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/>

And find lots of advice for settling into preschool [here](#)