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Welcome Back

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and would like to wish you a belated Happy New Year.

Welcome back to our returning children and families and a warm welcome to our new children and their families who have joined us this week.

We look forward to working with you and getting to know you.



We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



Hedgehog Room News

We would like to welcome all our children back to preschool, and look forward to meeting our new children soon.

We have introduced our new book - 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen.

We are going to be hunting and looking for bears.

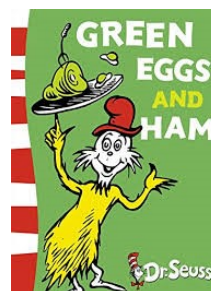
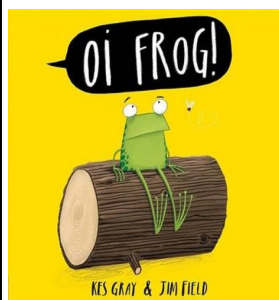
Can you build a cave at home to hid in?

Rabbit & Squirrel Room News

It has been lovely to welcome back the children in the Rabbit Group and to meet our new Squirrels! The new children have settled in so well and have done a great job at learning all the new routines.

They seem to be having great fun exploring the new resources and activities.

Over the last couple of weeks we have been listening to lots of rhyming stories such as 'Oi Frog' and 'Green Eggs and Ham'. The children in the Rabbit Group have been thinking about the rhyming words in the stories and playing some rhyming matching games. They are getting really good at identifying words which sound the same. Maybe you could have a go with this at home too?





Emails & Newsletters

Parents and carers of pre-school children receive emails and newsletters from us on a regular basis.

If your child was due to start with us this term but you have deferred their place you will continue to receive these throughout the spring term.

If you would prefer not to receive these please email us using clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk and you will be removed from the mailing list.

Coronavirus Guidance

Please check your child's temperature each day they are due to attend before leaving home and if this is above 38°C your child must stay at home. The following link gives advice on how to do this:



<https://www.nhs.uk/common-health-questions/accidents-first-aid-and-treatments/how-do-i-take-someones-temperature/>

If you, your child or anyone in the household show any of the symptoms of Covid-19 they must stay at home and you must inform us.

Communication should be done via phone 01954 273301 or email using clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

In addition, if your child appears to be unwell and not their usual self please err on the side of caution. You may wish to monitor them to see if any symptoms develop.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.



Term Dates

The pre-school closes for half-term at 15:00 on Friday 12th February and re-opens on Monday 22nd February at 09:00.

We close for Easter on Friday 26th March and re-open on Monday 12th April.

During school holidays we usually run our Holiday Club. We are currently awaiting advice from the Local Authority as to whether this can go ahead and will update you as soon as we have further information.



Early Years Pupil Premium & 2 Year Old Funding

Children aged 3 & 4 who are accessing 15 hours universal childcare in Cambridgeshire and meet certain criteria, may be eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP). This is extra funding paid to early years providers to improve outcomes for these children.

A child will be eligible for pupil premium funding if they are in receipt of the 15 hours of government funded early education and meet certain criteria.

The additional funding can then be used for additional sessions, resources or targeted support for individual children.

2 year old children may also be entitled to funding for 15 hours per week from the term after their second birthday if they also meet certain criteria.

For further information and to check if your child is eligible for any additional funding go to

[https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply for Education Welfare Benefits](https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply%20for%20Education%20Welfare%20Benefits)



If your application is successful please inform us so we can apply for the funding for your child.



Head Lice

Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice

There is no need to buy expensive treatments, as it is more effective to use a lice comb to remove any live lice as well as eggs. Please don't forget that the whole family needs to be checked and that bedding should be thoroughly washed. More information and support can be found at

www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/

Contact Details

If any of your contact details have changed over the Christmas break please ensure you let us know. You can do this by email using clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk

This enables us to keep our records up to date and able to contact you quickly in the event of an emergency.

Thank you.



Hedgehog Room - Show Me 5!

The children in Hedgehog Room are being introduced to 'Show Me 5!' This is a technique used to gain the children's attention as a whole group by raising a hand.

Each finger has a meaning: Stop, Look, Listen, Quiet, Still.

Check your child's bag for their hand print and ask them about it. Perhaps you can practice this at home too.



Read Write Inc. **Phonics**

Read, Write Inc.

The children in the Rabbit Group are now taking part in a short Read Write Inc. phonics session each morning. We have started by learning the Read Write Inc. scheme pictures which will prepare us for learning the written letters and their corresponding sounds next term. In a few weeks time will be learning how to talk in 'Fred Talk' by blending and segmenting the sounds in simple words.

Those children in the Rabbit Group who are not currently attending due to the current Covid situation should receive a video from Mrs Beresford today via Evidence Me so that they can also learn the pictures we have been learning at preschool.

Home Learning Activities

Cambridgeshire Early Years & Childcare Service has recently updated its list of Early Years Foundation Stage ideas to help remote learning for children under the age of 5. These can be found at:

cambslearntogether.co.uk/home-learning/early-years

The team of advisers across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have also created 'The Home Learning Hub' which can be found at: cambslearntogether.co.uk/home-learning featuring a range of free activities, challenges, and projects for children to try at home.



Can you help?

Do we have any parents and carers with spare time on their hands who have run out of things to do? We would love some knitted or crocheted blankets and clothes for our dolls and teddy bears. Please let us know if you can help.

Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to all of you for your support, patience, cooperation and understanding during these first weeks back. Please continue to keep us updated regarding your child's attendance. If your child is currently not attending please do send in photos and updates about what they have been doing at home.



Thank You!