



Holding Hands Preschool

Fortnightly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 23rd September 2024

Our wonderful outings were a big highlight over the past fortnight – we have loved getting out and about in the fresh air!

Take a look below to find out what else we have been up to...

Sensory

- Painting – using fingers, hands, brushes, stamps and sponges
- Sensory pasta play – using tongs, tweezers, pots and pans
- Playdough – mixing ingredients together and forming dough, as well as using tools to roll it and cut it out
- Making a height chart together and discussing measure, number, height, similarities and differences.

Outside

- Adventuring and exploring on the bank.
- harvesting some of our vegetables in the growing areas
- racing down the bank on the big tractor, the 'skateboard' and the little tractor. Using our strong muscles to pull them back up again.
- sand area. Playing with buckets, spades, diggers and funnels.
- Outings! – park, field, river, walks, autumn investigations!

Story Corner

- Action songs and nursery rhymes!
- Sharing stories – 'The Monkey with a Bright Blue Bottom' by Steve Smallman is a particular favourite this fortnight!

Gym

- Indoor climbing frames, balance beams, hopscotch, soft play and gym mats.
- Free-play and construction; Stickle Bricks, train tracks, Barbies, Duplo, click-clack track, waffle construction, wooden and manipulation blocks...

Pod

- Bubble tubes, sensory lighting

Mini-world

- The children had fun pretending to clean using the mop, bucket, broom, cloths, dustpan & brush and the hoovers.

What's happening over the following weeks?

- The children will explore the idea of change over time – looking closely at the changes in our environment as we move into autumn.
- We will continue to talk 'all about me' and carry out relevant activities to learn all about each other, our families and our similarities/ differences.

Activities for Home

All About Me

This fortnight, we have included an activity to carry out with your children at home. We are talking 'All About Me' in the preschool and to help us learn more about each child, we would like you to continue this at home, if you get the chance.

We have included a link below to a special scrapbook designed by the Literacy Trust. Once completed, please share your scrapbook with the preschool by bringing it along when your child attends. They will have the chance to talk in front of the group all about themselves as part of this.

Sit with your child and explore your culture and experiences together. Encourage your child to draw pictures, stick in photos and 'write' about the special people in their life. This activity is a perfect opportunity to get them thinking about who they are, reflecting on the world around them while developing their speaking, reading and 'writing' skills.

[EY VB Storytelling Festival scrapbook.pdf](https://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/EY_VB_Storytelling_Festival_scrapbook.pdf)
([wordsforlife.org.uk](https://www.wordsforlife.org.uk))

*Please let us know if you need a printed, hard copy.

Autumn Scavenger Hunt

With the weather changing outside and a few leaves changing colour and tumbling to the ground, that can only mean one thing...autumn! We will be looking closely at changes and the autumn season, so we have included some scavenger hunts to support your child's learning at home. Just follow the links below and wrap up for an autumn walk...

[Autumn scavenger hunt for kids - Nature Detectives](https://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/Autumn_scavenger_hunt_for_kids_-_Nature_Detectives)
([treetoolsforschools.org.uk](https://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk))

[Autumn treasures for kids - Nature Detectives](https://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/Autumn_treasures_for_kids_-_Nature_Detectives)
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Fundraising

Outside Spaces

Follow the link below to find out about our latest endeavours in our outdoor environment, and to contribute to the cause.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/to-create-a-sustainable-community-preschool?utm_campaign=p_lco+share-sheet&utm_medium=chat&utm_source=whatsapp-visit

Chickens = EGGS!

Our wonderful chickens have been providing us with some lovely fresh eggs and we are eager to share them with you all! Keep an eye on our freshly painted cart for boxes of eggs, fresh vegetables from our growing areas, and milk each week...small donations gratefully received. Yum!




**Please bring
in your family
photograph!**

Family Displays

We are continuing to update our family displays and we still have lots of families who don't have a photo up on the wall.

The children thoroughly enjoy seeing photographs of their own families on display in our communal areas and discussing these with peers and practitioners. We would love for every child to have their family photo on display and would like to ask for you to bring one in if you haven't already done so. Photos will be attached to the wall carefully but may not be returned in perfect condition, so please don't bring in very special photos.

Thank you.

Dates For Your Diary...

Friday 25th October 2024 -
Half Term Begins

Preschool will close at the end of the afternoon session on this date, for the half term.

Monday 4th November -

Parent Feedback sessions

No preschool provision on this date. Feedback to be arranged with your child's key person.

Tuesday 5th November -
Autumn term (2nd half)

Preschool returns with normal operational hours from this date.

*Please always check subsequent newsletters for updates to our key dates!


**Join the WhatsApp
group for regular
updates, arranging
play dates and easy
communication**



Socials

- Website

Please find the link to our Holding Hands Preschool website below. This will now be updated regularly and will be a great source of information and updates, such as newsletters and term dates. Make sure to take a look and tell us what you think.

[Home - Holding Hands Pre-School Ltd \(holdinghandspreschool.co.uk\)](http://Home-Holding Hands Pre-School Ltd (holdinghandspreschool.co.uk))

- Facebook

Please find the link to our Holding Hands Preschool Facebook page below. This will now be updated regularly and will be a great source of information and updates. Make sure to like, follow and share!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091883683367>

- WhatsApp

Additionally, we have included the link to our parents WhatsApp group below. Created to share information, connect and give our families a community of like-minded friends!

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BGN0GpO4FDD7a0Gd88PcNZ>