

Pre-School News

Autumn Term 2020



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Welcome to the new school year

Staff in pre-school are:

Mrs Pickering

Mrs Lomas

Mrs Saha

Miss Morel



A big welcome to our new pre-school families and to our returning families as well.

Please remember, if you have any comments, questions or concerns do talk to one of the pre-school team or email us at caterpillars@shirley.cambs.sch.uk

Diary Dates

- ◆ **Wednesday 30th September 2020**
School photos.
- ◆ **5th October 2020**
School closed
- ◆ **26th to 30th October 2020**
School closed for half term break
- ◆ **9th December 2020**
Pre-School Christmas Crafts
- ◆ **18th December 2018**
End of term

Topics

This term's topic is Teddies and Bears. We will enjoy many stories based on this topic but one in particular is We're Going On A Bear Hunt.



Along with various craft, counting, investigation and phonic activities we will also be finding out about different bears from all over the world using books and the internet.



Maybe you could help your child find out something interesting about bears so they can share it with us all at pre-school? Be sure to ask about what they have found out at school too!



Learning to say number names in the correct order is a vital first step to successful counting. You can help your child to practise this by counting, for example, how many steps it takes to get from your front door to their bedroom door.



Although we cannot supply you with a school reading book at the moment, please ensure you still make time to read with your child. Have fun together when you share books! This is their first step towards being a reader so it's important that they enjoy the experience. Encourage your child to look at the pictures and talk about what they see. Ask them questions like "What might happen next?" and "How do you think this character is feeling?"



The children will practise a new song/rhyme at pre-school each week. So you can practise at home too, we'll add it to pre-school's blog page on the Shirley School website.

Regularly sharing rhymes is a great way of encouraging children's recognition of rhythm and rhyme. It is important to let your child play with words and sounds as it supports early brain development and helps to build foundations for early learning.