

Welcome to Year 2 of
Preschool

What do we want for our young learners....

To develop individuals who are:

Curious, motivated, inspired, independent
thinker, problem solvers, caring, considerate,
resilient, passionate, communicators, confident
and happy.

The Early Years Foundation Stage

There is 3 Prime areas

-Physical

-Communication and Language

-Personal Social emotional

There are 4 specific areas

-Literacy , Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design

Underpinning these are 3 effective characteristics of learning.

Jennie Jigsaw

Letters and sounds

- Letter and sounds programme we follow
- Read write inc Nursery
- Once every day during group time

Keyworkers

Over the last 2 weeks we have been getting to know the children and also them getting to know us. Each child will have a named keyworker. These letters will come home towards the end of the week.

Learning Journeys

- Kept in each child's draw in the hall way
- Observations, WOW'S, Photos and home learning
- Links to EYFS

Parents evening-

There are two parents evenings during the year. If you have any questions at any point please come and talk to us. You don't need to wait for a parents evening.

WOW'S

Wow moment slips can be found the year 2 hallway. If you are unsure where to find them please ask a member of staff. We value these wow moment and celebrate with the children their achievements and news. Please keep them coming in. It is opportunity for you as parents to tell us your child's news and achievements which will contribute towards their learning journeys.

The blog...

The blog is one of our main ways of keeping you informed about what we are learning about a school. It is really important you check the blog to see what's happening at pre-school on a weekly basis. If you are unsure about how to access it, please do come and see me. I generally update the blog on a Sunday evening in preparation for the week ahead. I talk about what we have done last week, what we are going to do this week, notices, Sounds and letters and Jennie Jigsaw, along with some home learning.

Pre-school trips

Over the year we hope to do the following trips:

Thorncombe Woods

Post box

Poundbury garden centre- Christmas decorations and cafe

Dorchester Library

Weymouth Beach

Stay and Play

Every week on a rotational basis we have a stay and play session morning which starts at 8.30am till 9.00am. Younger and old siblings very welcome. The days in which these run are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Saturday stay and play happens once every half term from 10.00-11.30am.

Dates are displayed on the blog along with a poster up in the cloakroom.

Changing bags, library book bags and shared books

Changing Bags:- Every child will come home with a pre-school changing bag. Please could these be filled with a set of spare clothes and then return to pre-school. We will only send these bags home again if we have changed your child's clothes. These bags need to be returned at the end of year 2 pre-school.

Library Bags:- We have library book bags for the children to borrow. They can choose a book, puzzle or game from our library to bring home and share. These can be changed as often as you like. We require a deposit of £2.00 for the book bag. This money will be returned in July when the bag is returned.

Shared Books- Group books sent out which we have shared at pre-school and think you might like to share at home. Please write a comment by your child's name about what you liked about the book.

Working with Reception and the whole school

- Joint sessions (At least once a half term if not more)
- Joint trips
- Year 4 readers
- School themed weeks
- Class assemblies

Partnerships with our families

-Information sessions

-Christmas family breakfast

-Grandparents snack

-Stay and play

-Summer BBQ

And lots more

Swimming

- Every child will have the opportunity to swim during the year.
- Swimming days will change every term.
- Swimming kit- Goggles, towel, swimwear and swimming nappy if needed.

PE

- Tuesday Morning with Mr Treble
- Every Day
- Yoga
- PE Kit

POWSA

WHAT IS POWSA?

For those who have never attended a POWSA meeting before the thought can be intimidating but we are all friendly parents who want to help the school offer the best of opportunities to all the pupils who pass through it's doors, whilst having a little fun along the way. We give up a little bit of time every now and then to help provide some of those extras that help make our school such a fantastic place and if you would like to learn more we would love to see you. Any questions about POWSA please do come and ask myself.