

Welcome to Year 1 of
Pre-School

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

- Covers all areas of PSED throughout the year.

Letters and sounds

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

Key Workers

Over the last few weeks we have been getting to know the children and also them getting to know us. Each child has a named keyworker. You should have all now had a letter to let you know who your Key worker is

Learning Journeys

- Kept in each child's draw in the main Year 1 room.
- 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 next to our WOW board in the classroom. 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 daily routine

Snack time

Lunchtime- Pack lunches, hot lunch option

Toilet Training

Existing Injury Forms / Accident forms

Pre-school Pets

Over the year we have a chance to care for all the animals

- Fish
- Chickens
- Guinea Pigs

Stay and Play/Story time

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.

Story time every week on a rotational basis. On a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 3.10pm and Friday at 5pm.

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

Books and board game bags

Selection of games and activities to do at home.

We will be adding to these throughout the year, your feedback would be appreciated.

Marvellous Me

A chance to share a really special moment in your child's learning.

A photo is worth more than a million words.

Instant photo of amazing progress that the children are making.

Other family members can be added to the contacts.

Please ensure you have handed in your signed permission slips so we can start this flowing out.

Working with Year 2 and the whole school

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

Partnerships with our families

-Information sessions

-Christmas family breakfast

-Grandparents snack

-Stay and play

-Story time

And lots more

Charlie Bear

- Gets to spend time with you and your family.
- Goes on some great adventures.
- Small write up and picture about what exciting times he has had.

15 and 30 Hour Funding

- Can claim this the term after their 3rd birthday.
- All children entitled to 15 hours funding.
- Caroline will send out funding forms every term.
- If you wish to claim for the 30 hour funding please do this as soon as possible to get an eligibility code.
- Visit this website for more information

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/children-families/childcare/childcare-funding/30-hours-free-childcare/about-30-hours-free-childcare-and-how-to-apply.aspx>

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.