

Pre-School News

Spring Term 2021



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Staff in pre-school are:
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It's the beginning of the spring term and we welcome our new families to pre-school.

Pre-school remains open as usual. Pre-school children can continue to attend their usual days/sessions/times.

If you have chosen for your child to learn at home during the national lockdown please use our Remote Learning and Home Learning pages on the school website to support you with this.

We would like to hear and see what your child has been up to at home so, if you can, please send some photos when keeping in touch. Please keep in touch with us weekly by emailing

caterpillars@shirley.cambs.sch.uk

Topics

Our topic this term is Dinosaurs. The children will enjoy storybooks based on this topic including *Dinosaurs Love Underpants* and *Dinosaur Bones*. Do ask your child what they are discovering about dinosaurs.

Why not help them find out more dinosaur facts?



Our topic after the half term break will be Vehicles. We will help the children to investigate what types of vehicles there are along with how they can be used and why.



When you and your child see different types of vehicles help your child to name them. Ask questions like what the vehicle is doing, who uses it and why?



Learning to say number names in the correct order is a vital first step to successful counting. Please keep practicing this.

The next step is practicing counting with 1-1 correspondence. Encourage your child to line up some objects and count them, starting at the beginning of the line, one at a time.



We hope to be able to supply you with school reading book soon but, in the mean time please 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 them to look at the pictures and talk about what they see.

Can they find a letter on the page that is in their name? Or, other letters they might recognise? Ask them questions like "What might happen next?" and "How do you think this character is feeling?"



The children will practice a new song/rhyme at pre-school each week. So you can practice at home too we'll add it to pre-school's home learning 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 them play with words and sounds as it supports early brain development and helps to build foundations for early learning.

Diary Dates

- ◆ Spring term half term - Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021.
- ◆ End of spring term - Friday 26th March 2021.
- ◆ Start of summer term - Monday 12th April 2021.