

WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – PRE NURSERY 24.11.2014

**Messages**

**It's here!!!**

We are so excited that our brand new climbing frame has been delivered and installed over the holiday. It has a mini-climbing wall, tunnel, stairs and a slide.

We had a thorough session on how to use the equipment safely and the children are exploring it with plenty of energy and enthusiasm. It is wonderful to see the children show so much determination and cooperation and having such a lot of fun. We are sure that it will continue to provide much opportunity for physical as well as personal and social development for our Pre Nursery children during the year.



**Upcoming Events:**

- Saturday 6 December – Winter Wonderland
- Wednesday 10 December – PN & NUR Christmas Concert
- Thursday 11 December – Christmas Party

Please keep these dates in mind when making your Christmas arrangements. The room parents will be sending more information shortly about how you can help with our Christmas events.

**Learning Theme**

As the children are becoming aware of the changes in the weather it is now a good time to start talking about Winter. What changes can we see outside? Do we have to wear different clothes? Why? We will think about how we feel when it begins to get colder outdoors, and how we keep ourselves warm. We will consider what would be suitable clothes to wear in different kinds of weather and having a go at sorting them out. We shall look at lots of pictures of different kinds of cold weather, and read a variety of stories with a wintery setting.

**Key vocabulary:** cold, freezing, weather, winter, warm, coat, jacket, scarf, hat, gloves

**Understanding of the world**

We will observe a variety of cold materials like ice balloons. How does the ice feel? What happens to the ice by the end of the day? What happens when we put an object in the ice?

**Key Vocabulary:** ice, cold, warm, hot, melt, freeze, freezing

**Communication and Language**

Our wintery theme will provide lots of opportunities for developing our language and vocabulary. We will be encouraging children to practice their speaking skills by describing the events they observe, for example, when they investigate the ice sensory trays, or talk about their activity during small world play. We will also be enjoying listening to some lovely wintery stories, including "One Snowy Night" by Nick Butterworth.

**Key Vocabulary:** Winter, animals, sleep, warm.



**Mathematics – Shape, space and measures**

We plan to spend plenty of time enjoying our fabulous new climbing frame and we will use this opportunity to learn about positional language. We will introduce the children to the correct terms and develop understanding of this language.

**Vocabulary:** up, down, over, under, left, right, by the side, next to.

**Expressive Art:**

We are looking forward to exploring different ways to create snowy landscapes, for example using 3 dimensional paint, blowing paint through straws, and investigating different methods of using colour and media.

**Key vocabulary:** paint, white, blue , cool colours, picture, tree, snow.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Many thanks again.

**The Pre Nursery Team**