Hilltop Pre-school Term 2 Newsletter 2021

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| The weather has become noticeably colder and wet in recent weeks, please can you ensure your child has a named coat, hat and mittens when they attend pre-school. Can we also politely ask that you **name** jumpers and cardigans as children often forget if clothing items belong to them. | https://www.really-learn-english.com/image-files/xwinter-clothes-coat-hat-boots-glubs-scurf-earmuffs.jpg.pagespeed.ic.ce2psljLKn.jpg |
| All Term dates are on the pre-school website<https://portisheadpreschool.co.uk/term-dates>Term 2 start: Monday 1st November Ends: Friday 17th December 2021 Term 3 starts: Tuesday 4th January 2022 | Consumable donationEach term we ask for an £8.00 donation to help us purchase snack, baking and craft resources. This can be paid in cash or directly into the pre-school account-Please use the word **‘Donation’** and your **child’s** **name** as a reference. |
| This term the children will be learning Christmas songs which we hope to perform to parents at St Peter’s church on Wednesday 14th December. We are monitoring the numbers of Covid cases locally and liaising with the church to ensure this can be achieved safely. We have been unable to run this event over the last couple of years due to the pandemic and hope that this year we can resume this experience for the children. | Home learningChristmas is coming and in light of current discussions on climate change, this year we would like to decorate the preschool Christmas tree with small homemade recycled Christmas decorations.The possibilities are endless and there are many ideas on the internet. Please can you support us to decorate the Christmas tree by helping your child to make a decoration we can display?  |

Term 2 planning

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| PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONALDEVELOPMENT | COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE | PHYSICAL DEVEOPMENT | LITERACY |
| Understand behaviour expectationsAnd rules of the setting. Example-Just walking insideBe kind to everyonePlaying safelySharing – use of timersContinue to talk about feelings, (Colour Monster) happy, sad, angry, and worried. Discuss how others might be feeling especially during conflict resolution situations. | Learning the sounds, Listening to jolly phonics songsS,A,T,P,I,NListening to stories and remember what happens | Use Large motor movementsBalanceHopSkipJumpStand on one legUse indoor mats, encouraging children to find different ways to get across | Stick manDiscuss different parts of the book |
| MATHEMATICS | UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD | EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN | POETRY BASKET POEM FOR TERM |
| Fast recognition of items up to 3 without having to count them (Subitising)Say one number for each item in order 1,2,3,4,5Show finger numbers up to 5Show the right number of objects to match numerals 1-5Use language such as ‘more than, fewer than’ when comparing quantities.Know the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how may there are in total.(Cardinal principle) | Diwali - how this is celebratedFestival of lightFirework night- colour, sound, safety!(Firework song)Nativity and Christmas songsTwinkle, twinkle little star.Away in a mangerIncy wincey spider climbed up the Christmas tree.When Santa got stuck up the chimneyJingle bells, jingle bellsWe wish you a merry Christmas5 Mince pies I’m a little snowman | Making Diya candlesFire work pictures- exploring colour.Home learning activityChristmas craft activities- make a decoration at home from recycled materials to display on the preschool Christmas tree.Practice songs and poem with children at home.Song for parents, participation at the church:12 days of Christmas  | Leaves are fallingLeaves are falling, leaves are falling,One fell on my nose,Leaves are falling, leaves are falling,One fell on my toes,Leaves are falling, leaves are falling,One fell on my head,Leaves are falling, leaves are fallingYellow, Orange and Red. |

Hopes and Dreams Tree



When I leave Pre-school I will be able to……..

* Recognise my name
* Know most sounds to letters
* Have a good foundation of understanding numbers 1-5
* Share resources, and have respect and tolerance for everyone.
* Recognise and name my emotions.
* Show independence e.g. using the toilet, putting on my coat.
* Begin to understand healthy choices and importance of oral health.
* Know a large repertoire of songs and poems.
* Develop a sense of responsibility and membership in our pre-school community.
* Have lots of fun whilst building friendships.