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| Hello and a warm welcome from all the team to this first newsletter of the academic year.  We are already past the halfway point of term 1, and the children have begun to settle into pre-school’s daily routine. The team have been busy getting to know all the children and are supporting and scaffolding learning. Each term a newsletter is emailed with key information about pre-school which includes children’s learning, dates for your diary and general news. Please contact the setting or speak to the team if you have any further questions. Though-out the year we plan activities following children’s interests, cover topics and cover festivals to extend children’s learning. We use Development matters to support this process: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/development-matters--2>  Our motto is ‘***Learning through play’*** and this academic year, we are celebrating a tremendous 60 years of providing preschool education in Portishead. Team members have come and gone over the many years we have been operating however, we still retain the same values in supporting all children and families we have the privilege of working with. | **Term dates**  Term 1 ends: Friday 20th October 2023  Term 2 starts: Monday 30th October 2023  <https://portisheadpreschool.co.uk/term-dates>  **Bank details – Portishead Pre-school**  The Co-operative Bank  Sort code:08 92 99  Account no: 67202728  *Please use your child’s name as reference when paying fees.*  **Fees**  Fees are emailed to parents the second week of each term. Please email Christine Hunter (Business administrator) with any queries.  [administrator@portisheadpreschool.co.uk](mailto:administrator@portisheadpreschool.co.uk)  **Funding**  For funding queries, please email Sarah Bailey (Manager) [manager@portisheadpreschool.co.uk](mailto:manager@portisheadpreschool.co.uk) |
| **Changeable weather**  We play outside in all weather; please can you ensure your child has a coat when they attend pre-school. Please can you also write your child’s ***name*** in their coats, jumpers, and cardigans to help the team to reunite clothing items to their rightful owners. If possible, please provide mittens instead of gloves for your children as children find them easier to put on which develops their independent skills. | **Lunch club**  We promote healthy eating at pre-school and ask that sweets are kept for treats at home. Please can you provide a drink for your child and a spoon if they have yoghurt for lunch. Due to allergies, please do not send products into the setting that contain nuts e.g., peanut butter, pesto, chocolate spread. If in any doubt, and to keep all children safe please check the food label.  **Consumable donation**  Portishead Pre-school is a registered charity no.1180880.  Through-out the year we run raffles and hold events to help raise vital funds for both Brampton and Hilltop Pre-schools to enable us to provide resources. If you are able to help at any of these events or work for a company who can provide support please email [thecommittee@portisheadpreschool.co.uk](mailto:thecommittee@portisheadpreschool.co.uk).  Each term we ask for a donation of £9.00 to help us purchase items required for the children’s snack, which is provided every session it also enables us to purchase baking and craft resources. This can be paid directly into the pre-school account, please use the word **‘*Donation*’** as a reference.  **Absence/illness**  If your child is unable to attend pre-school, can you please contact the setting on 01275 390947 or email [manager@portisheadpreschool.co.uk](mailto:manager@portisheadpreschool.co.uk)  Colds and viruses are common this time of year however If your child is unwell, please consider keeping them at home to minimise the risk of cross infection. Children who have sickness and/or diarrhoea must not attend pre-school for 48hours after the last episode.  [Diarrhoea and vomiting - NHS (www.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/) |
| **Staff list**  Brampton & Hilltop Pre-school Manager: Sarah Bailey  [manager@portisheadpreschool.co.uk](mailto:manager@portisheadpreschool.co.uk)  Business admin: Christine Hunter  administrator@portisheadpreschool.co.uk  Deputy/Safeguarding officer/pre-school assistant: Claire Godby  Health & Safety/Pre-school assistant: Joanna Gill  Inclusion & SEND co-ordinator: Zoe Clarke  Pre-school assistant: Christine Hunter  Pre-school assistant: Kirsty-Ann Sweeney (maternity leave)  Tel. 01275 390947 Mobile: 07467 513997  We are part of a project called ‘The Poetry Basket’ and each term we learn new poems with the children.  This term’s poems are called Chop, Chop and leaves are falling.  Below is an overview of learning for this term, The colour monster book focuses on identifying and naming feelings: <https://youtu.be/IY6d1jyvmVg> |
| **Learning and development updates**  Each team member allocated a set time in the week to collate their key children’s observations. Your child’s keyperson will contact you twice per term, firstly with an email update on how your child is settling; followed by a learning and development summary. Please keep this information as a record of your child’s time at the setting. If you have any questions, please speak to the team. | **Portishead Pre-school Committee**  We have a pre-school committee made up of parents that help support the manager to run the business side of Brampton & Hilltop Pre-schools and help to raise vital funds through fundraising events. For further information If you are interested joining the pre-school committee, please email [thecommittee@portisheadpreschool.co.uk](mailto:thecommittee@portisheadpreschool.co.uk) |

Term 1 planning Autumn 2023

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| Date/Topic | Planning | Poetry | Activity | Home corner | Tuff tray |
| Week 4  25th Sept  Colour Monster | Naming and identifying colours.  Naming colour monster emotions.  Sharing and turn taking.  [The Colour Monster - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IY6d1jyvmVg) | Leaves are falling.  Leaves 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 falling,  Yellow, orange and red. | Colour monster pictures | Hairdressers | Colour Yellow.  Different items coloured yellow |
| Week 5  2nd Oct  Colour Monster | Naming and identifying colours.  Naming colour monster emotions.  Beginning to identify own emotions.  Sharing and turn taking.  Makaton signs- Please, thank you. | Leaves are falling. | Make your own colour.  monster-junk modelling | Opticians | Sort the colours.  Monster  use  tweezers |
| Week 6  9th Oct  Stormy Weather/music | Weather/Rainbows.  Listening to music, Identifying sound. Creating music to represent stormy weather.  Makaton sign- song- I can Sing a rainbow.  <https://youtu.be/4RXlLgEimO8> | Chop, Chop,  Chop, Chop, Choppity, Chop. Chop of the bottom and chop of the top. What we have left, we put in the pot, Chop, Chop, Choppity chop | Create  Musical  Rain maker  Make rainbows | Music area  Change musical instruments through-out the week. | Colour mixing  Making rainbows. |
| Week 7  16th Oct  Autumn | Leaf prints  Putting on own coats  Autumn pictures  Animals we see in Autumn. | Chop, Chop | Cooking activity  Make bread | Kitchen | Autumnal scene  Conkers,  pinecones |

[Development Matters - Non-statutory curriculum guidance for the early years foundation stage (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1180056/DfE_Development_Matters_Report_Sep2023.pdf)