



First Step Playgroup Autumn Term 2020

This booklet will give you information about what skills we will be learning, events we will be holding and how you can help this term.

STAFF

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NEWS

We would like to thank you for your continued support whilst throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Unfortunately, Rosie has decided it's time for a change and has moved onto pastures new. We will miss her but wish her well.

Learning Tree Childcare Services Ltd have now taken over Parkhall Playgroup CIC. We are thrilled to be working very closely together.

The CIC is converting to a Charity that provides grants for resources for childcare providers between 0-5 years, we are currently seeking people who would like to be members. It will involve organising fundraising events to raise money for the charity. If you would like to be involved please speak to Angie or Kylee.

IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn Term 2020

**Monday 7th September-Friday 18th
December**

Half Term 26th -30th October

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Tuesday 6th October

This is a fundraising initiative where you bring a bag of unwanted items to donate to charity and the preschool will earn a donation for each bag collected. Please can you leave bags outside Playgroup on the day or bring to on the Monday.

PHOTOS

Thursday 15th October

Marie Barley will be coming to take the photos. Look out for more information.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 13th November

Children will be invited to wear their favourite outfit and bring in a small donation.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER WEEK

7th- 11th December

We will be wearing Christmas jumpers/tops this week. Donations welcome to Save the Children.

ZOOM NATIVITY

Friday 18th December

We will still be doing our annual nativity, however we will be performing it at playgroup live over zoom for parents to watch. We hope you understand and we think this is a good compromise so the children and parents don't miss out.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

BRADLEY BEAR

We have currently put his travels on hold, he is busy keeping an eye on the children's learning from the kitchen.

STORYTELLING

This term we are going to be creating stories and acting them out as a group.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ROUTINES

The children have been fantastic this week settling back into the routines at playgroup after a sustained period of time off for most.

LITERACY

NURSERY RHYMES

We will continue to sing lots of nursery rhymes. They are important in the development of vital literacy skills.

READING

We are passionate about children having access to high quality literature. To ensure this can still happen we have five boxes of books that are being rotated throughout the week.

LOOSE PART/NATURAL PLAY

We are in the process of bring more loose parts and natural resources into the setting. it is important for children to have access to natural items within their play, it helps to develop their imagination and wonder about the world around them. We are planning more open ended activities, which will allow for children to be independent in making choices, develop their fine motor skills whilst encouraging the children to think creatively and explore with a natural inquisitiveness.

HARVEST

We will be having a week exploring harvest. We will be exploring produce, noticing changes in the world around us, we're hoping to get a tractor to come and visit us too!

FIREWORKS

We will be exploring fireworks and linked activities just after half term.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY

If this event takes place we will be taking part. We will let you know closer to the time if we do.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School will continue every Wednesday morning starting from 16th September.

We have puddlesuits and wellies but please feel free to bring your own.

FAMILY DISPLAY

Please could we ask all children to bring in a photo of their family. We are creating a display to celebrate how special and unique our families are, it also provides a link to home and can spark conversations for the children.

HOME LEARNING

Our home learning packs were such a great success during lockdown that we have decided to continue to send them home. We will send your child home with a learning pack next week. We will then change them in a couple of weeks we will notify you of when as they will need to be staggered to ensure they can be quarantined between uses.

Keep an eye on the Facebook page, staff will often post photos of what we have been doing in setting and how you can support this at home.

For example, if we have made cookies at playgroup we will post the recipe for you to use at home with your child[ren]

You can then take photos of activities and add to your child's tapestry account for their keyperson to see.

Tapestry is our fantastic online assessment tool that can easily be shared with parents. Please make sure you check regularly for updates.