

# Roborough Pre-School

## Spring Term Newsletter 3

Date: 28-02-22



We hope you've all had a lovely half term. We are now halfway through the academic year! The time has flown! We are very much looking forward to working with the children for the remainder of this term and welcome two more new children to our setting over the next few weeks.

This half term we will be learning about Fairytales, Easter, Spring and Mother's Day. We will also be celebrating World Book Day and Sign Language week: we will be very busy! Our activities will also include focussing on feelings and emotions and linking different stories (through our Fairytales), different types of music and different movements to feelings and emotions that we might feel. We will also support the children to think about the feelings and emotions of others through our stories and within their play to develop understanding and empathy of the people around them in their preschool community. We continue to introduce the children to different action songs and activities, such as Jumping Beans, to support different ways of moving our bodies.

### **World Book Day:**

It is World Book Day next week on Thursday 3rd March. At Roborough Preschool we love stories and have lots of opportunities to read to the children both during their story time sessions as well as within their free choice play. To celebrate World Book Day we would love the children to bring in their favourite story during one of/all of their sessions and we will read these to them and their friends within their session.

### **Sign Language Week:**

This is celebrated each year in March to coincide with the anniversary of Sign Language being recognised by the British Government in 2003. (I never knew this!!) Although we do not use BSL at our preschool level we do sometimes introduce basic Makaton signing to our children to support their learning and development. During this week we will be learning more Makaton signs through songs and rhymes (I Can Sing a Rainbow & Old MacDonald - this is also our rhyme of the month) and of course by watching Mr Tumble! We will also use this as an opportunity to teach the children what signing is and why some children use it.

### **Covid Restrictions Lifted:**

As of Thursday 24th February the government has announced that all restrictions relating to Covid have been removed and this applies to all educational settings. Details of this can be found on the government website [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) 'Living with Covid-19'. Due to the positive response from our parents regarding our drop off and collection routines, we will continue to bring children in from the front door at 9am and get the children ready for collection at the end of the day from 2.5pm - 3pm.

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## Messages:

We politely ask that our parents who are dropping off and collecting their children by car, please avoid parking in front of our small entrance gate (providing access to the path to the Church entrance). Some of our parents are finding it very difficult to access this gate, especially if they have a pram or buggy. Please use the carpark in the morning if there is space. Many thanks.

## Committee News:

Our new committee is working hard behind the scenes and we will be looking forward to arranging our first face to face meeting with the committee, staff and parents very soon! If you would like to be more involved in our committee to help with fundraising and other committee events such as bake sales etc please speak to one of our members. A poster with our committee members is on the preschool 'Information Window'.

## Google Reviews

The committee also have a very important role in marketing our preschool and our new website (designed by Nick) has received some excellent feedback and has been a key element in improving our children's numbers recently. Another great marketing strategy is to leave a Google Review.



We currently only have 2 reviews so we would really appreciate if our Preschool community could leave us a positive review. Can you please share the link with parents, grandparents, carers and friends of Roborough Preschool. We really, really appreciate it.

<https://g.page/r/CfQoICWJdBeeEAg/review>

## Dates for your diary:

**Parents evening** - w/c 4th April - Date TBC

**Last day of Spring Term** - Friday 8th April

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes from Marie, Danielle and Sam.