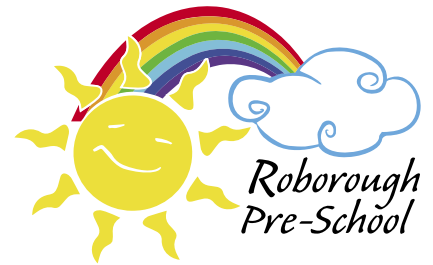


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Welcome back after the Autumn half term

We are now making our way towards Christmas already and this will prove to be a very busy half term for all of us! We have lots of activities planned with some needing parental involvement so please please do read on!!

Topic for this half term

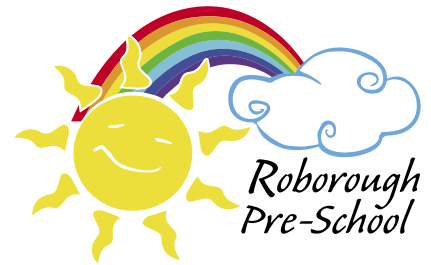
Now that all of the children have settled in beautifully with the help and support of our wonderful staff as well as the supporting 'All About Me' topic, we feel we can really focus on absorbing ourselves into the topic of **CELEBRATIONS!!** We have touched on this already with looking at Harvest Festival and Diwali and we will continue this with Bonfire Night, Pudsey Bear week (Children in Need) and then Christmas!!

We will also talk a little about Halloween as many of our children have already starting talking about this. Please be assured this will obviously be child appropriate and we will use one of our favourite stories, Room on a Broom, as the main focus to enhance our learning around this 'celebration'. We are aware that not everyone celebrates this or sees it as a celebration and we will do this sensitively. Please do however feel free to send in any pictures of this celebration on Tapestry for us to use as a discussion point with some of the children.



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Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned our 'Settling In' questionnaire. The response was fantastic! We received a high level of positive feedback which was very heartwarming for myself and staff to read. Thank you for all of your wonderful comments. From these questionnaires we want to feedback to you any actions we have taken. These are predominantly around how much the children drink and therefore we have enhanced our discussions with the children around staying hydrated and also included additional 'drinking time slots' into our day eg encouraging the children to drink during morning and afternoon snack times even if they don't want any snack. We also have a drink before we start our circle time sessions.

Lunchboxes

Please can I politely ask that no peanut butter is included in any of the children's lunches due to an allergy in preschool. Thank you.

Tapestry

We will continue to send regular observations of the activities on offer for your child based on both our current topic and any child led interests and activities that support the children's next steps of their development.

All of the staff are extremely committed and passionate about the care and support we provide to all of our preschool children and we

will endeavour to send these observations regularly either weekly or fortnightly. We will send observations that show any WOW! moments and any adult led activities they have participated in. The number of observations may therefore vary each week.....our focus is on quality not quantity.

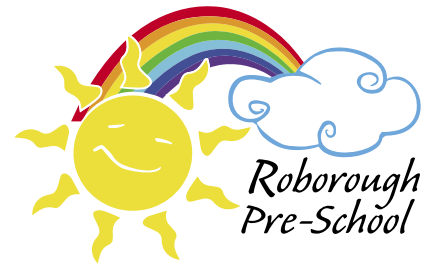
We will also use Tapestry as another form of communication and support for our families and you will see that we have sent a few observations with some really useful links for parents and families and how they can support their children at home. We hope you do find this useful and informative.



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Communication diaries

Many of our parents have requested to have a daily communication diary for the staff to fill in during each of their child's sessions. We endeavour to complete these comprehensively during each session. As we are very busy we may not always be able to communicate general daily activities but please do be reassured that we will always communicate how much they have eaten at snack time and any nappy changes or toileting support they have needed.

Please also note that these are also an effective way to tell us about how your child is feeling/slept/ate etc before coming into preschool eg 'woke during the night' or 'struggled at breakfast time this morning'. This is very useful to us in supporting your child during their sessions.

Preschool AGM

This year's AGM will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 23rd November in our preschool room. We would really urge as many of you to attend this very important meeting as this is imperative for the preschool to be able to remain open. We are required to have an active committee in order for us to continue to operate. I really do hope you will come along to support us.

Term dates for Autumn term 2022

Monday 5th September – Friday 21st October 2022

HALF TERM - 24th October – 28th October 2022

Monday 31st October – Friday 16th December 2022

Other Preschool News

It is with great sadness that I have to relay the news that Danielle is now moving on to a new stage in her life with a brand new career change into administration. Danielle has been a valued member of preschool for 15 years and has been integral in the preschool's evolution during those years to meet the ever increasing demands set upon the Early Years sector.

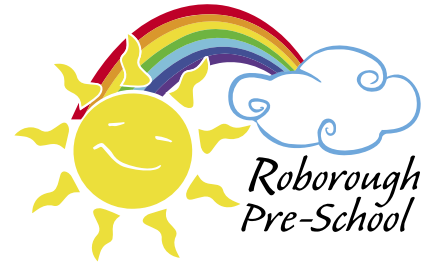
She has seen many changes, both in the delivery of teaching and learning required by us as Early Years professionals, as well as staff changes, many different committees and a change in the preschool's manager. Danielle has been supportive throughout all of this.



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She has also supported many young children in our community before they have moved on to their Primary education and I know that they would have had the best start having had Danielle as their key worker. For me, as the new manager, more than 4 years ago now, she has been my supporter, my guidance, my stability and most importantly my friend.

Danielle will be greatly missed by all of us and she will leave a huge whole in our hearts. However, we truly wish Danielle the absolute very best in her career change which I know will have such a positive impact on her and her family.

Danielle's last day will be on Friday 18th November.

I'm sure that you will all have questions concerning how the preschool will move forward when Danielle leaves. I have been working hard on ensuring that Sam and I will continue to deliver the best possible care and teaching within preschool during the final few weeks of this half term whilst we are recruiting for additional staff.

Parents Meeting

We will be holding a parents meeting about this on **Wednesday 9th November at 7pm** with all staff and committee officers attending to discuss how we move forward and how we will re-allocate Danielle's key children. This will be a great chance to talk to either myself or Sam about your child.

WE REALLY DO URGE YOU TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. THANK YOU.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 9th November 7pm meeting for parents regarding staffing and key children allocation

W/C 14th November Children in Need week – more information to follow

Wednesday 23rd November AGM 7pm in the preschool room

End of term parents meetings will be set during **W/C 12th December** – more details will follow soon

CHRISTMAS PARTY!! Friday 16th December from 1.30pm in preschool.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need support in any way at all.

Best Wishes from Marie, Danielle and Sam.