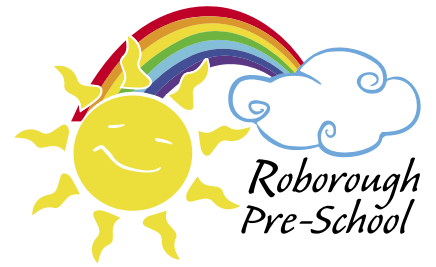


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Welcome back after the Summer holidays!

We hope you've all had a chance to have a lovely break and you are ready for this Autumn term at preschool!

We would like to welcome five new children and their families to our preschool family this term. We are sure they will settle in easily and quickly with the support from our experienced and caring staff. We are really looking forward to getting to know them. We will then be welcoming another two children in November and another five children in January and February 2024. This means that we are now nearly full for this academic year with only one or two spaces left on certain days! This is great news for our preschool but please do still recommend us to your friends and family as we do have lots of spaces for September 2024. If your child already attends preschool and you wish to add more sessions at some point throughout the year, please let me know asap and I will do my best to accommodate you. Thank you!

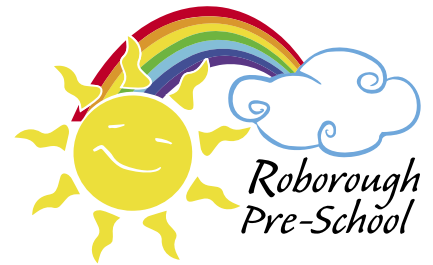
Topic for this half term

We start the first half of the term focussing on settling the children back into our preschool routine and re-establishing their friendships with each other. To help with this, our topic is 'All About Me'. We will encourage the children to talk about themselves, their likes and dislikes, their family and home life and the different jobs their families do. We will also be finding out all about our bodies and



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our senses, our feelings and emotions and how they can express themselves effectively and appropriately (age depending) as well as how to keep our bodies healthy, including how to maintain good oral health.

To support this topic we would be really like to create a display for each child and would love for them to bring in photos of them as a baby, a current photo of them now, and a photo of them with their family and pets. Thank you.

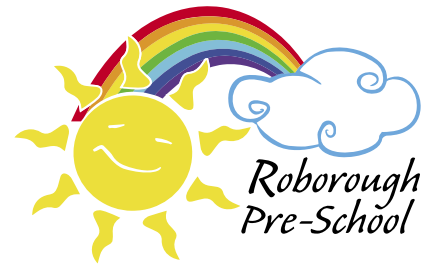


Tapestry

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.

Term dates for Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th September – Friday 20th October 2023

HALF TERM - Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2023

Preschool Reopens - Monday 30th October 2023

END OF TERM - Friday 15th December 2023

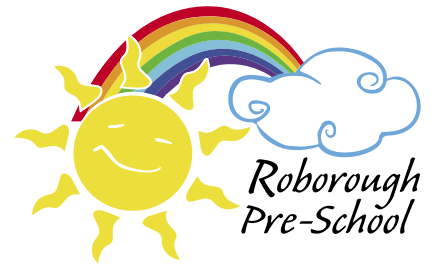
Suncream

Following my previous messages via email and through Tapestry last term, I just want to remind our parents that staff will still assume ALL children will continue to attend preschool with suncream applied and a sun hat provided when the weather is still warmer and sunny during September. We will also need for your child to have suncream available for re-application when going outside again in the afternoons. This suncream will be kept in preschool throughout the year. We feel it is important to remind everyone of this as it can still be very sunny during September, especially at the beginning of the term. This has been reflected in our Health & Hygiene policy which is available to read on our website as well as being sent on Tapestry. We have also included a request for summer type shoes to be more sturdy and appropriate for preschool play to ensure children's feet are protected adequately and toes are covered. NO OPEN TOE SHOES PLEASE. Here are some examples:



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We would also like to remind parents of the items that the children need to have in preschool with them for each of their sessions:

- A bag with spare clothing (even if they are independent in using the toilet), to include underwear and socks please.
- A named water bottle.
- A (named) appropriate coat.
- A named water bottle with water in it
- or very very diluted sugar free squash.
- Named suncream to keep in preschool (you may have already supplied this).
- Named lunchbox, with appropriate healthy style packed lunch, if staying for lunch.
- Named wellies.

Could we also stress the importance of bringing in your child's book bag / plastic wallet with their 'reading' books in them to change each session. The children love to do this and this is also a vital part in supporting our children's literacy and communication skills both in preschool and at home. Thank you so much for working with us and for your continued support.

Preschool Uniform

Preschool uniform is not obligatory but we have plenty of stock now, ready for the new term. If you would like to purchase any new uniform then please let me know.

Please could we ask that all uniform worn in preschool is also clearly named, thank you!



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, Sam, Nicole and Michaela.