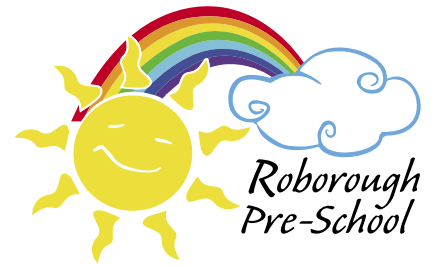


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We hope you've all had a lovely half-term

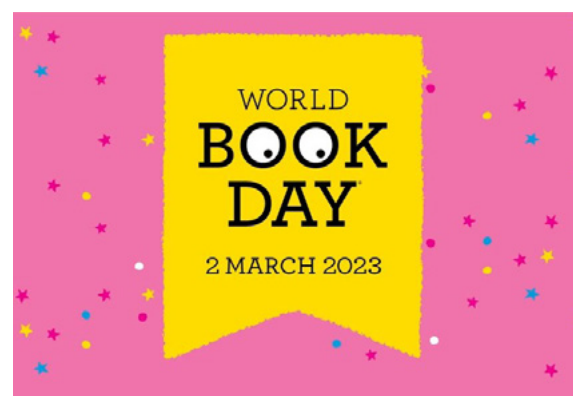
We are now halfway through the academic year. The time has flown! During the first half of this term, we have welcomed and settled in 5 new children! They have all done so well and we would like to thank their parents and carers for their support in helping with this transition.

For this second half term we will be learning all 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, progressing from our Children's Mental Health week activities. We will be linking the different feelings and emotions we have already explored to the different Fairytale stories we will be reading. We will also explore our emotions through listening to different types of music and how we change our movements to different music to represent how we might feel.

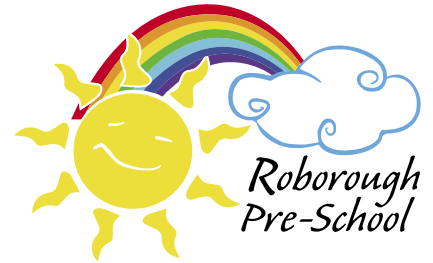
World Book Day

It is **World Book Day next week** on **Thursday 2nd 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 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.



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British 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 a preschool level we do introduce basic Makaton signing to our children to support their learning and development, helping them to communicate effectively. This year BSL week runs from Monday 13th March to Friday 17th March.

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.

Committee News

Our new committee is working hard behind the scenes and we have had our first staff/committee meeting with them. There will be a Committee Newsletter coming out soon and we are looking forward to arranging another meeting with our parents also invited. 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.

Messages



We would like to thank everyone for their patience at the start of our sessions whilst we are helping the children into preschool. We know there is a bit of a wait at times, especially if parents need to handover any information.

However, we do feel the waiting time is minimal and we do our very best to go as quickly as we can. If you do need to tell us something important, please feel free to come to the side door to speak to a member of staff before we open. We are always available. You can also use your child's communication diary which we check every day.

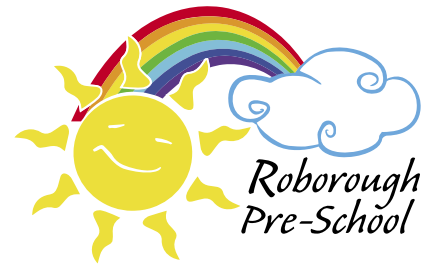


We are now very busy and full! With this comes a few little difficulties during handover time at the end of the morning sessions and the start of our afternoon sessions. For our children that are coming in the afternoon they are waiting to come in longer than we would like.

Therefore, if your child is starting their session at 12noon we will be letting them in through the side door to join their friends on the carpet whilst getting ready for lunchtime. This means that there is less waiting and congestion in our cloakroom.

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Don't forget that we have our preschool uniform for you to purchase as a way of saving your child's own clothes from paint, pens, mud, chalk.....the list goes on! Please email Marie on marie@roboroughpreschool.co.uk for prices or to order these items. We would prefer for payment to be made via BACS rather than by cash please.

Please also don't forget to name your child's items in preschool especially as the warmer weather arrives and we have numerous red preschool sweatshirts to reallocate to their owners!



We will be opening up the preschool muddy garden area more often during our outdoor sessions and therefore we will be using our Wet & Windies more often.

If you have your own Puddle Suit or weather proof trousers that you could provide (if you haven't already), this would be very helpful. Thank you.



As part of our 'healthy bodies' curriculum and raising awareness of good oral hygiene we would like to promote what a typically healthy packed lunch could look like which also considers oral hygiene and the sugar content in items.

We feel that a typical packed lunch should include a sandwich, wrap, pasta or crackers and cheese (try to avoid chocolate spread or jam), one or two pieces of fruit, cheese/yoghurt and a small treat such as a biscuit and / or low salt crisps.

We would recommend that the following items are avoided: raisins, fruit winders and similar. The children's bottles should contain water or very diluted sugar free squash. Chocolate and fizzy drinks are not permitted.

Dates for your diary

Parents evening - w/c 27th March - Date TBC

Last day of Spring Term - Friday 31st March

Summer Term - Starts Monday 17th April

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 and Nicole.