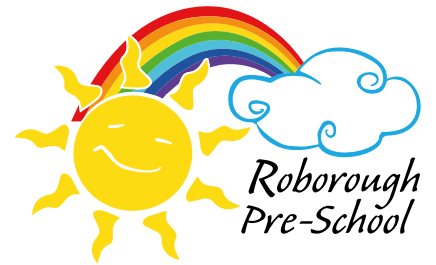


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Welcome back

We hope you've all had a lovely half term. We are now halfway through the academic year. The time has flown! Since the start of the year we have welcomed and settled in 7 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 ending our term with an Easter hunt.

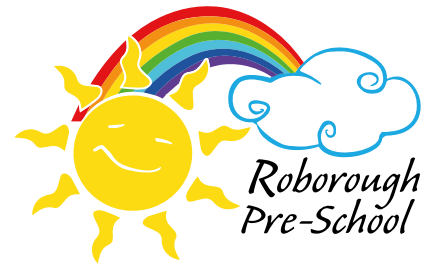
Our Topic This Term - Fairytales

This term we will be focusing closely on 1-3 and will be supporting this through our choice of Fairytales. We will be looking at Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We will be supporting the children on becoming familiar with these stories and on retelling them and the repetitive refrains and key phases within them to support them in creating their own narratives within play. Our other topic work this half term will focus on Mothers Day, World Book Day and Easter.



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World Book Day

World Book Day will be celebrated on the 7th of March. On this day we invite any children who attend to come in dressed up as a character from a book, although this is not compulsory so please don't feel any pressure to do this or buy an outfit for this occasion. However if you would like to then you are welcome

We would however really like it if on this day and any day that your child is in session that week if they would like to bring in one of their favourite books from home to share with us all.



Easter Egg Hunt

On Wednesday the 27th of March we will be having a Easter Egg hunt around the local area. We aim to leave Pre-School at 1:30 (after lunch) and take a small circular walk around the local area looking for laminated eggs coming back to Pre-School for some Easter Songs in the church before collection. Children who are with us in session will not need a parent to accompany them but anyone who would like to offer to join us would be very welcomed.

We would also like to invite any other children who are not normally in session to join us. Meeting at Pre-School at 1:30pm but these children must have a parent or career who is responsible for them at all time as they will not be included in our ratios.

Children are encouraged to dress up in a Easter bonnet or Easter themed attire for this event but this is not compulsory. More information will come out about this event nearer the time but if you have a child in session on Wednesday PM and would like to join us and offer your support then please contact me, your help would be very much welcomed.

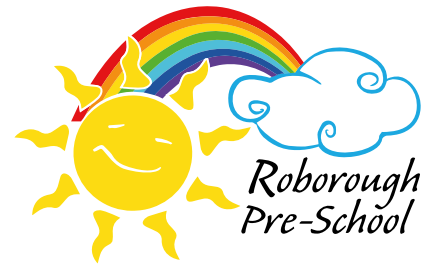
If you don't attend on Wednesday but would like to attend with your child please also let me know so that we have an idea of number of children who will be attending.

Thank you for your continued support.



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Phone Information

We are currently having problems with our landline. We are in the process of getting this fixed and have an engineer coming out to look at it this week. In the meantime we can be contacted on the new mobile number **07368 113 016** or you can contact me via email on sam@roboroughpreschool.co.uk.

Parents Evening

Thanks you for all parents that have attended parents afternoon/ evening and target reviews for children on My Plans. We felt that they were all really positive and it was lovely to have this chance to catch up with you all. The next parents evening opportunity will be in the summer term and will be a chance for us to share transition documents with all parents who have children moving onto school. Please remember that you can contact myself or your child's key worker via our email (name) @roboroughpreschool.co.uk, via tapestry or on the door throughout the year.

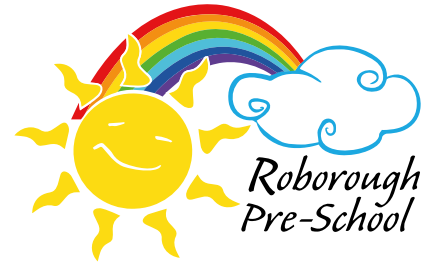
Wet Weather

We try and get the children outside in the garden as much as possible and on wet days do ensure that they are suitably kitted out in waterproof trousers, boots and the coats that you provide. Sadly we have no protection from the rain in our garden and have to take the children in from the garden in small groups due to safety navigating our steps. This does mean that something we can get caught in a big downpour and get very wet. Please support us in this by ensuring that your child has a suitable warm and waterproof coat with a hood and wellies, especially while we are experiencing particularly wet weather. We have also now changed our routine so that we come in from the garden later and keep coats on children at the end of the sessions, to ease this transition at the door and keep staff in the room more to support the children on the carpet. The children will never be sat very long in their coats but if you have any concerns about this please just get in touch.



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Pick Up Time

As many of you are aware we are a pack away and set up setting and some day we have to be packed away quickly for the church to let out our room to other users. The staff also have a quick turn around for getting to school for pick up of their own children. It is for this reason that we must request prompt pick up from all parents by 3pm. We understand that sometimes events out of your hands can mean that you might be running late and we will of course support you in these situations (we do though request that you ring ahead in these situations) however if this becomes a regular occurrence then we will need to refer you to the late policy and charge accordingly. We have tried to change pick up at the end of the day to the side door to ensure that pick up can be quicker for you waiting to also speed up this process for all involved. We hope you have all found that to be easier and it has limited you waiting time. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Amelia

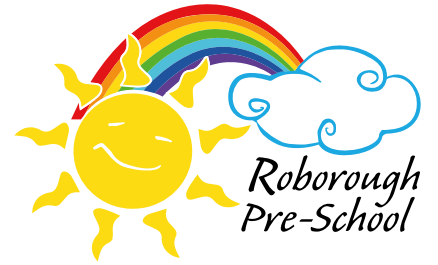
You may have noticed another member of staff in our room on a Wednesday and Friday. This is Amelia who is working with us as she studies at college for her Level 2 in Childcare. Amelia was originally only working on a Wednesday but she has kindly offered to come and work with us on a Friday in a voluntary capacity. Amelia is a great asset to our team and the children love having her work with us. If you see any other unfamiliar members of staff in our setting then these are colleagues from outside agencies that come in to support some of our children.

Booking in sessions for next academic year 2024-2025

We are now very full and ready for a busy end of the academic year. If your child will be staying with us in September then we will be sending out a letter in the coming weeks to ask you to book in your plans for your child sessions as we move into the new academic year. We now have a lot of demand for spaces. We like to give priority for sessions to our current children/ their siblings but we are now having to ask you to book in your slot for your child in advance in order to secure it going forward. Of course as the year develops if we have the space for your child to increase then you can do this but this is going to be much more limited and if you have not booked in your slot in advance it might not be available. Please have a think about your projection for your child's sessions as we move into the new academic year ready for you to provide this information to us when requested. Information about funding can be found on childcare choices website to help you to work out what funding you might be entitled to help you in making these decisions. Once we have received this information back from all current parent's we will be offering spaces to our other enquires. Thanks for your understanding.

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Term dates for Spring term 2024

LAST DAY OF TERM - Thursday 28th March 2024

EASTER BREAK - Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April 2024 (Preschool is shut)

Start of Summer Term - Monday 14th April 2024

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards, Sam, Amy, Nicole, Michaela and Amelia