

Dear Families,

This month, our pre-school children have been focusing on school readiness and transition, developing the key skills and confidence needed for the exciting move to school or being the oldest in pre-school next year. Through daily routines and play-based learning, the children have continued to build their independence, from preparing their own snacks to managing everyday tasks, helping them feel more capable, and self-assured.

We have also been exploring the theme of change, discussing the emotions that can come with new experiences and encouraging children to share their thoughts and feelings. These conversations have helped them understand that it is normal to feel both excited and nervous about change, whether that means starting school or welcoming a new cohort of friends into pre-school.

A particular highlight has been our time spent with our Year 1 buddies. These sessions have provided reassurance, inspiration and valuable opportunities to build relationships, helping our older pre-school children feel excited and confident about the next stage of their learning journey.

Meanwhile, our younger pre-school children have benefitted from learning alongside their older peers, developing new skills through observation, play and shared experiences. Whether practising teamwork in PE, developing fine motor skills through food preparation, or building confidence through friendships, all our children have made fantastic progress as they prepare for the opportunities ahead.

Throughout our daily routines, we have continued to develop the children's independence skills. They have thoroughly enjoyed preparing their own snacks by chopping fruit and spreading toppings, which has also provided excellent opportunities to strengthen their fine motor skills.

In PE, the children have been practising their football skills, learning to pass, dribble, and work together as a team before enjoying a fun mini match. It has been fantastic to see their confidence, coordination, and teamwork continue to grow. With the excitement of the World Cup in the air, we have also been talking about supporting our favourite teams, cheering each other on and celebrating good teamwork and sportsmanship.

Book of the week: I Am Too Absolutely Small for School by Lauren Child

Song of the week: One Year Older

Makaton sign: School

Sound of the week: "sh" as in shoe, ship and shark

Requests and Reminders:

Please send your child with a named carrier bag next week in preparation for the end of term. This will help us send home all their belongings ready for the summer holidays. Thank you for your continued support.

With the warm weather expected to continue next week, please ensure your child comes to pre-school with a named sun hat. We have noticed a few children arriving without one and we want to make sure everyone stays safe while enjoying outdoor play.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

The pre-school team

