

Middle Barton Pre-School Newsletter

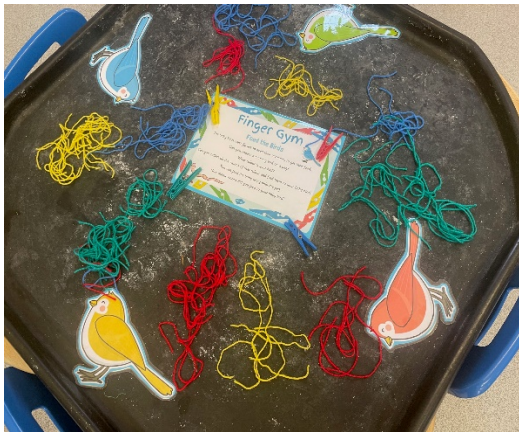
Term 5



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5! We hope you had a lovely break and a wonderful Easter. ☺

Last term was a very busy one creating pirate ships, learning how to cut carrots safely (Thank you Romy's Mum for the cutters), bird watching, making bird food, Easter fun and much more!! Please see a few photos:



Over the Easter holidays the staff and our Chair (Caroline), have been working really hard in the garden, adding new resources and tidying up and Sally's husband has been jet washing the path. We have a few exciting features added to the garden - can spot them?!! We have added a new taller front gate, which has a latch at the top to open it.

Lending Library

We have set up a lending library which is located in the cloakroom. Please help yourself to a maximum of two books each to take home and share with your family and return within 2 weeks.

There are a few book bags hanging up - please feel free to use these! We will also be looking at investing in our own book bags for the new academic year, with our very own logo on it. Pre-school front door will opened at 8.50am so that you can browse all the lovely books. There will be a bench outside so you can sit and share a book with your child whilst waiting to come into Pre-School. Please remember you are responsible for your child until 9am.

Topics

The topics we will be covering this term are mini beasts, plants, growing and transport/road safety. If you have anything from home that you would like to bring in to contribute to any of our topics please let us know! We will be watching our caterpillars change into butterflies and frog spawn turn into tadpoles. As the weather improves (hopefully.....!) we will be using our new school gate daily to do a few laps of the running track!

Pre-School are very excited to show you our new Polo shirts 😊. The staff even have matching ones to the children! If you would like to buy your child their very own one please let Sally know.



Visits to school - The older children who are going up to Middle Barton Primary School in September will start having visits towards the end of this term, but we will let you know dates when School have confirmed. The staff will take the children to meet their new teacher and classroom. This will be a positive experience for the children and make for a seamless transition into school. If your child will be attending another primary school we will accommodate any visits that you would like to arrange for your child. If you have any questions about your child starting school, please speak to your child's key person. There is also a lovely course to help parents get their child ready for school:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/aspireearlyyearsLtd/868475>.

Instead of doing a formal parents evening, we would like to invite parents to stay and play for an hour during this term. You will get an invitation and please let us know if you can't make it so that we can rearrange it. We feel a less formal way of viewing your child's learning journey and chatting to your child's key person is a lot nicer. Plus you can watch your child having fun at Pre-School and see all the fun things that comes with it! Watch this space for dates and times. If you would like a separate meeting with your child's key person this is also possible, please let us know.

The staff look forward to welcoming you all back next week, Monday 17th April. We also welcome Oscar who will be starting with us next week! (Term 5 ends on 26th May)

Many thanks,

The Middle Barton Pre-School Team

Sally, Keryl, Rachel and Wendy

Safeguarding Children-What to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect:

Immediate danger- if you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999.

Immediate concern- if you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

Report child abuse/ Oxfordshire County Council