

## BISHOP CORNISH PRESCHOOL

### SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back, hope you all had an enjoyable half term.

#### What are we doing this half term?

This half term we are starting a new topic, we will be looking at Traditional Tales and thinking about Easter. Each week we will be focusing on a different book and planning our activities around that story. This topic fits in with World Book Day (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March) and is based around the children's interests. They all love stories and have been particularly interested in the traditional stories.

Throughout this topic we will be developing the children's maths and literacy skills with lots of exciting activities. Each week this term will have a literacy or maths focus in keyworker time as detailed below as well as daily phonics with Sprog. We are particularly focusing on sounds we can make with our voices and bodies and for those children who are ready we will be working on letter sounds and simple words. We are all very excited about this topic and will be developing all of the ideas that the children have as we progress through the half term.

Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> Feb - Jack and the Beanstalk

Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March - The Runaway Pancake and Shrove Tuesday

Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> March - The 3 Little Pigs

Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March - Goldilocks and the 3 Bears

Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> March - The 3 Billy Goats Gruff

Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> April - Focusing on Easter

#### *Our letters of the week will be:*

Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> February - Recap letters from last half term

Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March - l

Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> March - l and h

Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March - h and sh

Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> March - sh and r

Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> April - Recap letters from this half term

Our weekly maths focus will be

Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> March - using the language when talking about height.

Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March - using the language of weight.

Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> April - using the language of time

What can you do at home?

If your child would like to bring in anything related to our 'Traditional Tales' topic that would be great! The children particularly love sharing stories related to our topic from home. Please can you discourage your child from bringing in unrelated toys to the topic as lots of toys from home are getting lost or mixed up.

WOW tree

We are going to work really hard on filling the WOW tree this half term. The WOW leaves are for you to record the WOW moments your child has at home so that we can add these to their learning journeys. You will find the leaves by the front door please hand your child's WOW leaf to a member of staff and we will share in their success at circle time before putting the leaf on the tree.

Clothing

As the weather is continuing to be mixed, please ensure your child comes to preschool in appropriate clothing. We will be going outside in a variety of weathers and would like all the children to be involved in this. Also if children could come in shoes without laces that are easy for them to put on themselves we would be really grateful. Please remember that we do have a set of spare clothes so we DO NOT need you to bring a bag for your child each day. The reception area is small and we are trying to keep it free from clutter. We would ask however that you do wash and return any borrowed clothes as soon as possible. Finally, please could you also check your child's wellies to ensure that they still fit properly and that they are clearly named.

This term's important dates

World Book Day - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, your child can come to preschool dressed up as a character from a book, all the teachers will be dressing up too!

Preschool Photo - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - We will be having a whole preschool photo which will be taken in small groups. If your child isn't in on this day and you would like them to be in the photo, please bring them in at 9.30 (accompanied by an adult) and they can join a group. There will then be an option for parents to buy a copy of the photo if you would like

Stay and Play - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - an opportunity for you to come in if your child attends this session and play with them for an hour until 10am.

Parent's meetings - These will be on the w/c 25<sup>th</sup> March. Look out in the entrance for times to book in to see your child's key worker

Easter Holidays - begin on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, we will reopen on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

May Half Term - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May is a whole school inset day (preschool will be closed). We will then reopen after half term on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Signing in and out sheets

Please ensure that you sign your child in and out and make sure that you tell us if your child is being picked up by someone different from normal.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Soady, Mrs.Stokesbury, Mrs.Dark, Mrs Stanley-Savage and Mrs Elford