

Virtual Handsworth Pre-School: Weekly Bulletin

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My favourite thing about Pre-School this week might have been: Enjoying some chocolate and sweet treats!



Our focus for the week is: Easter

Pre-School Leader's News:

Welcome to our third newsletter! This week, we're thinking all about Easter and trying to have some fun indoors, in our gardens, or by bringing the spring indoors. There might also be a slight chocolate bias to this week's newsletter, but as your children know me well, this won't be a surprise to them!

We have had a 'virtual' planning session courtesy of WhatsApp and our curriculum after Easter will consider 'The World Around Us'. This is what we propose for the following weeks:

w/c 13th April: Windows and bears

w/c 20th April: Camping, woods and forests

w/c 27th April: Space adventures

w/c 4th May: Endangered animals, zoos and farms

w/c 11th May: Our environment and recycling

w/c 18th May: Gardens and garden animals

Should we reopen during this period, we will continue with these curriculum themes. Remember to take some photos or to glue some pictures into your Pre-School book so we can talk about them when we see you next!

As the weather appears to be improving, just a few reminders for you all. We want you all to stay safe and healthy and to do this, we have been asked by the Government to:

- Stay at home if we can
- Only go outside to do exercise, once a day, or to go shopping for essential food or medical supplies
- To stay 2m apart from others who are not in our family group
- Wash hands frequently

There is lots of advice about what to do if you are worried that you or your child (or another family member) have symptoms of COVID-19. If you have any concerns please seek medical advice. The official guidelines ask you to access NHS 111 online www.111.nhs.uk. You may also telephone (but do not go to) your GP practice. If you are concerned and symptoms are worsening, call 999. The NHS website is clear: trust your instincts and do not delay getting help if you are worried.

Craft activities:

Lots of Easter crafts on the web! We particularly like:

- Using cotton wool balls to stick and make woolly lambs, adding details with a pen
- Making an Easter chick out of paper plates
- Chocolate shredded wheat nests with chocolate eggs and mini chicks (Janet's favourite)
- Making an Easter garden in a tub, with soil and some bits and bobs found in the garden or whilst out on a walk
- Easter chick fork print (dip a fork into yellow paint and use the prongs to make prints in a circle. Add eyes and a beak. Draw on legs if you wish).
- Fluffy rabbit footprints and portraits.

- Carrot footprints



Play ideas:

- In a bowl or tray try making a garden, hiding sparkly or interesting items in compost
- A yellow (or green) hunt 'scavenger' hunt in the house or in the garden.
- Feathers and bubbles or balloons
- **Bunny on the bounce:** a bit like Elf on the Shelf – a funny bunny is hiding in your house. Can you find her and rescue her from the problem she has got herself into? Where is your bunny going to be next? What mischief will she get herself into? Has she found her carrots yet?



Books, stories, rhymes etc:

- Kipper and the Egg
- Chocolate Mousse for Greedy Goose
- Handa's Hen
- Rosie's Walk

- Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny
- Five Hot Cross Buns in the Baker's Shop



Exploring number and shape:

- Explore 'heavy' and 'light', particularly if you are playing with feathers, bubbles and balloons.
- Mini-egg maths – adding one more, ordering by colour, or (more likely in my house!) taking one (or more) away!
- Measuring, comparing and ordering the size of eggs – chocolate or otherwise
- Weighing out for Easter cooking
- Can you find pictures of lots of different birds' eggs on the internet? Can you find the biggest one? And the smallest one? How are the eggs the same or different? Are there any other animals that lay eggs? If so, what animals are they and how do they look after them? (I'm thinking here about exploring seahorses and some fish where the male looks after the eggs.)



Happy Easter
Everyone

