

Virtual Handsworth Pre-School: Weekly Bulletin 4



This week's bulletin has been prepared by: Louise

My favourite thing about Pre-School this week might have been: I would be looking forward to welcoming you back to Pre-School and hearing all your exciting news.

Our focus for the week is: Bears/Windows

Pre-School Leader's News:

I hope you all had a lovely Easter weekend – the weather was glorious! It's also heartening to see all the spring flowers and to hear the birdsong. I think the birds are extra loud this year to cheer us all up (or maybe because there's less traffic we can hear them better!). There are lots of websites about birdsong and the dawn chorus and I encourage you and the children to tune in through an open window or in your gardens. The RSPB is a good place to start: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/natures-home-magazine/birds-and-wildlife-articles/features/the-voices-of-spring/>. I also hope you are all staying in good health and are managing to keep the children busy and occupied.

This week, Louise has chosen the theme of 'bears and windows'. We're all spending quite a lot of time looking – or listening - out of our windows at the moment and she's come up with some interesting ideas about how we can use our windows to help 'frame' some activities. We're also encouraging everyone to help set up a 'bear hunt'. I am going to find a teddy (or another cuddly toy) and put them in my window or on my porch, along with the banner at the bottom of this newsletter. If we all do this, we can go on a bear hunt through Highams Park as we have our daily walk or make it to the shops and back. (We also wish Michael Rosen a speedy recovery.)

A few reminders, as usual. The Local Authority are continuing to provide activities for children through their Facebook pages: www.facebook.com/chitchatpitterpatLBWF and www.facebook.com/alltalkcommunicationproject. If you are a key worker and your circumstances have changed, or will change after Easter, and you need childcare, you can find out about availability through the Borough's website: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/childcare. Although we are physically closed, the Pre-School remains very much open to you. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please call the Pre-School number on 07860 655066 or email me on handsworthpsleader@outlook.com. Ruth remains available too for admin or business questions. She can be contacted on 07932154133 or through the Pre-School's website info@handsworthpreschool.co.uk. Here's to our newsletter next week! *Janet*

Craft Activities:

Could you look outside your window and draw a picture of what you can see?

Talk about what is different now. Do you see many people are there fewer cars and other vehicles driving past?

I have decorated my front Window with my little boy William. We put some rainbows up and some Thank You signs for people that are working hard to help us. We also made some bears for people to spot as they walk past on a Bear Hunt . Could you make some bears for your window, or place a cuddly toy for people to spot?

Perhaps you could try painting your window

<https://taminglittlemonsters.com/washable-window-paint-recipe/window>

Or a rainbow stained glass window

https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/546202261041378675/?nic_v1=1a4Pq6XlfmWEtZVZAhhcQ1WJA1Jt%2FOsBM B2nZRFy%2FTw3o85EotvYTztQLnYwnRoDN9

You could also make some stained glass windows using black paper/card and some coloured tissue paper

There are lots of bear things to do/colour here

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-2045-bears-colouring-sheets>

Play Ideas:

Could you make some Porridge for the Three Bears or yourself ??

What toys can you find at home that have Windows ??

Could you wash the windows ??

Can you take you Teddy round the garden for a walk, or out with you during your daily exercise?

Books, Stories, Rhymes Etc

I want my Hat Nack – Jon Klassen

Peace at Last – Jill Murphy

Brown Bear – Bill Martin/Eric Carle

Panda Bear, Panda Bear What do you see?

Polar Bear Polar Bear – Bill Martin/Eric Carle

There's a Bear on my Chair – Ross Collins

Ten in the Bed – Penny Dale

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08l1ys6/cbeebies-bedtime-stories-583-tom-hardy-theres-a-bear-on-my-chair>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheKidsLockdown/videos/683239582421386/>

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the ground,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, reach up high,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the sky,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, bend down low,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch your toes,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, go to bed,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, rest your head,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn out the lights,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, say "good night!"



Exploring Number and Shape:

How about this shape sorting activity? <https://happytotshelf.com/shapes-sorting-suncatcher/>

What shapes are windows? Can you find any windows that are different shapes of windows you can see on your walk? Or can you find some different shaped windows on the internet?

Have a think about the size of the bed, chairs and bowls in the Goldilocks and the Three Bears story. Who has the biggest and the smallest?

Could you measure out some porridge on the scales for yourself?



We're Going on a Bear Hunt