



## Autumn Term Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The Preschool team and I hope you had a fantastic summer break, and we can't wait to see all the children and hear their holiday news!

Our topic this half term is 'All creatures great and small'. We will be focusing on learning about different animals and their habitats. This will also include building positive relationships within our class community and developing independence.

### **Helpful reminders:**

#### **Stay and Play**

9.15-11.00 every fourth Wednesday. All families with babies and toddlers welcome.

#### **Naming Clothing, Bags and Lunchboxes.**

The end of the day can be tricky for little ones. Can we please ask you to clearly name coats/sweatshirts/bags and lunch boxes. By managing their own belongings, it will encourage the children to become more independent.

#### **Toileting**

Please keep us up to date with any toileting needs. If your child needs to use nappies and wipes these need to be sent in from home.

#### **Uniform**

Uniform is not compulsory, and children are obviously more than welcome to wear their own clothes. However, if you would like to order a school Sweatshirt, they can be ordered from our uniform supplier Maritime Motifs in South Molton. Please see the school website for more details.

We don't recommend that children wear their best outfits to Preschool as we encourage them to spend time exploring the different activities on offer and these can often include using resources that can be a bit messy!

Suitable footwear is a must! Trainers or shoes that the children can move freely in.

## **Snack**

Fruit is provided for both morning and afternoon snack. The children have a choice of milk or water. We promote independence by encouraging the children to pour their own drinks and peel their own fruit. If you would also like to provide a water bottle for use throughout the day, please name it and we will keep it in the snack area where it will be accessible throughout the day. If you do wish to provide a water bottle, please ensure it contains only water.

## **Development scrap books and assessments**

Preschool staff will gather observational evidence to assess your child's development under the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. You will receive two reports about your child's progress, and we will update you on their next steps during the termly parent's evenings. At the end of their time with us you will be given a 'This is me' book containing photographs, artwork etc. as a memento of their early years journey.

We are really looking forward to an exciting term ahead and feel privileged to be able to share your child's learning and development with you.

If you have any queries or questions just let us know and we will be happy to help.

Mrs Stapley and Tammie