

Railway Children Pre-School Newsletter
Autumn 2018

Firstly we would like to welcome all the new Pre-school children and their families to Railway Children Pre-School.



Pre-School (&KS2) photos will take place on the morning of Wednesday November 7th. If your child is not normally in on Wednesday morning you are welcome to come in for 9am with your child for the photos, but we will require you to stay with your child. If you have other siblings at the school and require a group photo please contact the school office to arrange for your children to have their photo taken together. Please note that KS1 & Reception children are having their photos taken at Stogumber on Monday 5th.

- From September, the children have been busy trying lots of new things and testing out new toys. Our topic for this term has been all about wildlife and seasons. We have been exploring animal habitats which involved a visit to Katy's garden to see a hedgehog nest and also to collect blackberries. In our field, we found lots of rabbit warrens. We have also been making helicopters which we tested out down in the forest area. We have been sticking natural items to make beautiful pictures to take home.



- The children have been taking part in Healthy movers which has been designed to help children active. Katy has been on training to help deliver this in our setting. This has also been arranged by the West Somerset Opportunity areas. We have been given ideas sheets to help us. The children are enjoying the activities and are earning stickers.



- Katy has also attended a Maths workshop which is designed to help Pre-School children become used to maths words and equipment which they will be using when they go to Primary School.
- As the weather is getting colder, please can we remind parents to ensure that children have a coat and jumper/cardigan in their bags as we like to spend time outside. If you provide a drink bottle, please can it be clearly labelled with the child's name.



- As always we love to get parents involved in our children's development and therefore encourage you to come along and help during a session as a parent helper. During the session your child's keyworker is available to talk through your child's development book and together talk about their interests and needs in more detail. It's a great way to get to know the staff and how your child interacts.
- Please let us know before the session starts in the morning if your child can't come in that day by ringing the school office on 01984 618273 from 8:15, also please let staff know in advance when on holiday, which really helps with planning activities for your child.
- **If your child is unwell with a sickness bug we ask that they do not return to pre-school until 48hrs after the last episode of sickness/diarrhoea. If any medication is given before the start of session, please let staff know so a medication form can be completed.**
- If you would like to contact staff with any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to us before/after/during session or we can be emailed on:
office@crowcombe.somerset.sch.uk or kdavis@educ.somerset.gov.uk