



# Little Hands Linton Newsletter February 2018



Welcome back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of our Spring term. We hope you have enjoyed the holiday period.

## Themes

**Week 1:** Chinese New Year – We will look at what occurs, carry out craft activities and do some dancing.

**Week 2:** World book week – more information below

**Weeks 3 & 4:** Dinosaurs

**Week 5 & 6:** Spring/New life/Easter



Spring planting

We will be carrying out craft activities, counting, looking at sizes, reading stories, acting out stories, looking at rhyming words, cooking and much more.

## Staying Safe

We will be discussing PANTS. It is line with the NSPCC ideas on the ‘underwear rule’. It teaches children that their body belongs to them, they have a right to say no and that they should tell an adult if they’re upset or worried. We will cover this by reading stories and incorporating craft activities. If you have any questions/concerns you are welcome to talk to Mandy. Information is available for parents at [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk).

## Activities to do at home

Counting objects

Looking for signs of Spring in the garden or on walks

Learning dinosaur names

## World Book Day/Crackerjacks charity

World Book Day is being celebrated on March 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Children may come in dressed up in their favourite book character week commencing the 26<sup>th</sup> February. Children can bring in their favourite story, these will be read through out the day with a member of staff. Please could we ask for a £2 donation for the children dressing up (only once) and this money will go to the Crackerjacks Children’s Trust – supplying children with specialist equipment.

## Term Dates

Spring term 2 starts: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Spring term 2 ends: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Summer term 1 starts: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Summer term 1 ends: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May bank holiday

May half term: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Summer term 2 starts: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Summer term 2 ends: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

## Tapestry- Online journals



Making a home for frogs



Making and testing a bridge with found resources

We are just waiting for a couple of forms to be returned and we will then go live with your children's journals. If you have any problems when this happens please speak to us.

**Summer Term Sessions**

If you are thinking of increasing any sessions for your child in the Summer term please let Mandy know as soon as possible in writing as we will need to increase staff hours to accommodate increases.

**Involvement**

Parents/Carers are always welcome at Little Hands to join in part or all of a session. If you have a particular skill or interest that you would like to share with the children then please speak to Mandy or Caroline to organise a visit.

**Illness**

Please can we remind parents that your child should not be attending nursery if you have had to give them Calpol or other fever reducing medicine. They will not be well enough to cope with a session.

**Notes from Parent/Carer in Bag**

We do not normally look in children's bags. If you send information or replies in then please hand them to a member of staff or, if another adult is bringing your child in then ask them to give any notes, etc to staff.

**Make Up Sessions**

Due to the increase in children numbers both morning and afternoon the availability of make-up sessions may not be as easy as the previous term, we will try to accommodate where we can.

**Milk bottle tops**

Mandy has someone who collects the plastic tops off milk bottle cartons for the charity Macmillan Nurses. Please feel free to bring the tops in and she will pass on.

**Children's Admission Details**

Please give Mandy any updates to your child's details, particularly health details and contact number details if they have changed since you completed your child's admission form.

**Sharing packs**

In nursery we have a variety of packs available for parents and carers to borrow when needed these include: arrival of a new baby, moving house, going to sleep, toilet training, going to school and bereavement. If you wish to borrow these please ask Mandy or Caroline.



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