



# Spring Newsletter

SPRING TERM  
7th Jan – 4th April 2025



Welcome to the Spring Term at Pre-school and a special welcome to all our new children!



Happy New Year to you all. It's been great to have all our children back in Pre-school and we've also welcomed four new children. It's lovely to see how well they are settling in already. After February half-term there will be a couple more new starters and then the Pre-school will be full with no more space for new children until September.

We've started the New Year in a way many of us do, thinking about the importance of **Healthy Eating** and **Being Healthy**. We have been enjoying exploring lots of fruit and vegetables and we made fruit kebabs and healthy chips! We have even been using our 'Gym'! Next week we will be thinking about how we look after our bodies, including our teeth and the importance of exercise.



Next we will be learning about **Chinese New Year**, 29th January, the year of the Snake. We plan to have a Chinese restaurant/takeaway roleplay area. We may even taste some Chinese food. Following that we will have an opportunity to share our **Favourite Stories**. Please bring in your child's favourite story for the week beginning the **3rd February** to share with us all. We also



hope to take our Butterfly children to visit Cheam library. During our last week before half term we will be learning about **Polar Regions**. Do polar bears live with penguins? The children will know!

Please check the poster in the lobby window for the theme each week. The children are very welcome to bring in anything connected with the theme to show and put on our Topic Shelf. Please do name all items.



Please see our 'Planned Learning Focus' sheet for the areas of learning that we will be particularly concentrating on this half term for both the Caterpillars & Butterflies.

All our Butterfly children will also receive a letter detailing the extra activities we will be doing with them this term.



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## Lunch club

Please read the 'Lunch Club Guidance' attached to refresh yourself on our guidance for lunches.

Please remember to **slice** your children's grapes and sausages **lengthways** and **cut** small tomatoes and satsumas/clementines to avoid choking. **Please name lunchboxes & water bottles.**



## \*Nuts\*

We have a couple of children in Pre-school who are allergic to nuts. Please **no nuts to be bought in to pre-school in any form**, e.g. peanut butter or contained in food e.g. biscuits etc., **or at any time** including for lunch club.

## Weather Protection

The children will have the opportunity to go outside in all weathers so please remember to make sure they are dressed in warm clothes with a coat, hat/gloves and wellies etc. if it is likely to be wet. Please make sure that all items of clothing are **named**.



## Bookbags

On arrival at pre-school please put book bags in the yellow box near the sink. Your child's keyworker will choose a new book with your child and then put it in their tray ready to go home for you to enjoy reading it together. Please return each week for a new book.

## Accidents outside of Pre-school

Please remember to let Helen, Nicky or your child's key worker know of any accidents, injuries, bumps etc. that happen outside of Pre-school.

**Please can you collect** the following items for us to use in pre-school: -

- Plastic milk bottles, any size
- Full boxes of tissues—always needed at this time of year and appreciated!

## Tapestry



We hope that you are enjoying viewing your child's Learning Journey online. Please feel free to make any comments or **add your own pictures of activities you do at home**. Please then let your child's key worker know as we would love your child to share them with us and the other children during a session. Parents have fed back to us that Tapestry is easier to use if you download the app. **Please do ask if you need any help with using Tapestry.**

## Dates for your Diaries

### Term Dates

Half term is from 17th February - 21st February 2025  
Finish for the Easter holidays on Friday 4th April 2025

### Easter Workshop

Tuesday 1st April 2-3pm (Details to follow)

### Summer Term Dates

Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 18th July 2025

Half term: 26th May to 30th May 2025

(Also closed for Bank Holiday Monday 5th May)



## What's On at Cheam Baptist Church

10.30am Sunday Morning Service

This is also being live streamed on YouTube, just type in Cheam Baptist Church

There is a creche and also children's groups. You are very welcome to join us!

## Ideas of activities to do at Home

**Song to sing:** (Listen to it on YouTube)

Dingle Dangle Scarecrow  
When all the cows were sleeping  
And the sun had gone to bed  
Up jumped the scarecrow  
And this is what he said

I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow  
With a flippy, floppy hat  
I can shake my hands like this  
I can shake my feet like that

When all the hens were roosting  
And the moon hid behind a cloud  
Up jumped the scarecrow  
And shouted very loud

I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow  
With a flippy, floppy hat  
I can shake my hands like this  
I can shake my feet like that

**Pre-writing skills:** in flour or shaving foam!

**Story to read:** Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne

*Sorting, counting, feeling and eating lots of fruit & vegetables!*  
*Try making a fruit salad, chopping the fruit & counting it as you put it in the bowl.*

## Useful Information

### Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Here is a very useful guide to the EYFS Curriculum—well worth a read!

[What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf) ([foundationyears.org.uk](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk))

### Keeping the under fives safe online

Childnet has prepared a guide for parents of the under 5s

[Keeping Under Fives Safe Online | Childnet](https://www.childnet.co.uk/parents/keeping-under-fives-safe-online/)

