

## Half Termly Update - 4/1/17 - 10/2/17

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term at our Pre-School. If you have any additions or comments to make about our half termly update please let a member of staff know.

As many children are not interested in the 'sound of the week' we will focus on sounds within our usual sessions depending on each child's level of interest and understanding in this area. Instead we will be using some more 'signing' to help focus on relevant words/concepts each week. Songs incorporating some of the sounds will also be introduced to the children and signs used throughout sessions too.

### 4/1/17 - "Our Favourite Things"

This topic will give the children a chance to talk to us about the gifts they received and what they got up to in the Christmas holidays. They can bring in (small) toys but can they please be clearly named and not too precious!

### 9/1/17 - "Our Favourite Things" (Sign of the Week 'share')

This topic is continued to give all the children a chance to experience this due to the 3 day week previously. We will be asking for helpers this week so that we can go to our Mini Diggers allotment to see what needs doing for the coming year, please let a member of staff know if you can help.

16/1/17 - "How we move" - Our Body) (Sign - 'share') We will be talking about this for the rest of the half term as we intend to break it down into many sections e.g. our bodies, animals and then following it on with the many forms of transport. As it is to do with our bodies we will be asking the children to all think of a different way to move, can you please have a little think about this at home.

23/1/17 - "How we move - Animals)" (Sign 'Thank you') This will include all animals so if you have a pet at home perhaps you could send in a photograph? We will be doing lots of animal footprints in our arts and crafts and having a big focus on our Vets Role play area.

### 30/1/17 - "How we move - Under the Sea" (Sign 'Wait)

As well as incorporating fish, crabs etc we will also be looking at other inhabitants of under the sea i.e. submarines! We will be on the lookout for any

large boxes that you may have so that we can build/paint our various underwater transport.

6/2/17 - "How we move - Trains, cars, aeroplanes etc"

(Sign 'Well done')

We will be making our own vehicles this week and would appreciate any boxes for our junk modelling. We will also be aiming to do a walk around the village to do tally charts of the vehicles that we see, any helpers would be gratefully accepted.

This will be the end of our first half term and our next topics (as requested by the children) will be space, people who help us and dinosaurs. We have had a couple of parents who have kindly offered their time to come in and talk about their occupation (paramedics), if you do a job that the children would find interesting or have a family member that does we would be very pleased to welcome them!