

# October- Pre-School Newsletter



## Policy of the month:

At Rope Green Farm Day Nursery we pride ourselves on providing a safe and healthy learning environment to allow children to develop and flourish. Therefore, we ensure that appropriate and up to date policies and procedures are put in place to ensure these standards are maintained. Each day, staff are required to complete risk assessments for the room and equipment which are updated throughout the day. If a hazard is discovered, management are informed before removing it from the premises.

We believe that children should feel safe at Nursery, therefore as part of our induction each new member of staff will be DBS (disclosure barring service) checked and shall hold relevant qualifications before starting at the nursery. A list of first aiders can be found in each room of the setting.

As part of our Health and Safety protocol we make sure that we are regularly practicing fire drills and that any visitors are made aware of the fire safety policy and exits. Hygiene is also very important, as part of our daily practice we disinfect surfaces and changing mats after use and encourage children to wash their hands throughout the day. If you would like to know more regarding this policy, then you can view it online or speak to a member of staff.

## Staff holidays:

Beth- 07/10/19

Kerry- 11/10/19-  
15/10/19

Jane- 28/10/10-  
01/11/19 (half term)

During September we have enjoyed settling into the Pre-School routine. We were very lucky to have a visit from the fire station, where the children in that day used the equipment and had a sit in the fire engine. We then added more fire fighter outfits to our dressing up area and had fun creating buildings in the construction area and hoses out of cardboard rolls to put the fires out.

We have also begun to introduce our sound of the week; each sound will last for two weeks. So far, we have had 's', now 'a' and then 't' will be next for October. Your child is welcome to bring in any object beginning with that sound for our sound box.

Throughout October we will be continuing to discover all things Autumn! We will be having walks around the farm to collect some autumnal objects and adding them our autumn investigation tray- so far inside we lettered/numbered leaves, acorns and conkers. We have also used these objects to mark make with at the creative table as we have explored how to use different tools to make marks. We will also be getting ready for Halloween. On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October your child is invited to dress up in their Halloween costume (if they attend on a Thursday). We will be exploring lots of gooey, messy play and making our own potions in the mud kitchen! We will also look at Diwali and plan lots of activities to join in with the weeklong celebration (28/10/19).

We are also going to begin looking at Healthy Eating. We will be discussing healthy foods, baking healthy snacks and encouraging the children to participate in activities to discover more about healthy foods.

## Dates for the diary/reminders:

- Santa's Dizzy Day trip- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December- all money to be paid by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October (£13.00 if your child attends on a Monday, £17 if they do not attend on a Monday)
- Half term- 28/10/19-01/11/19
- Stay and Play session- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 9:30am-10:00am
- Lending Library- please sign books in and out