



# NEWSLETTER

## SPRING TERM 3 2020

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the first half of our Spring term.

After a very soggy to the start of the year we have now just experienced our first few frosty mornings which will help the pre-schoolers in their topic of Winter this term! It was beginning to feel like it would never come.

Don't forget this week (w/c 20 January) is **Story Week** when we would love to see as many of you that can make it to come in to read to the children – please let Emma know if you are planning to come in.

Don't forget our Parents Forum Meeting the week after next – Monday 3 February at 7.30pm. I am hoping to see as many of you there as possible and looking forward to listening to your views and feedback. If you are planning on coming, please let me or Emma know.



Best Wishes  
Amanda Wallis



A big welcome to all of you who join us new this term

Arthur Carta Elise Erin Harry Jesse Rosa Willa Willow



# Koala Day

On **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January**, we are holding an Australian themed morning for the children to celebrate Australian animals and to raise funds for those affected by the terrible bush fires.

Some of the children have an awareness of what is going on in Australia but we do not intend to explain this in any depth. If we get questions we will answer honestly and sensitively. We would however like to do our bit in helping these unique animals whose habitats are being destroyed and through celebrating them and with our "Koala Day" we hope to raise some much-needed funds to help with their care

**Please support us with a £1 donation and animal fancy dress**

**WWF Australian Bushfire Fund**

# TERMLY OVERVIEW



We hope all our families had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year! We are looking forward to hearing all about how you celebrated and what your children's favourite parts were!

Now the new year has begun, the cold weather is about to hit us, we are excited to explore Winter as our theme for this term. It opens up lots of opportunities to get outside and investigate our natural surroundings – from examining frost and the process of freezing to animals that hibernate.



Currently our children are showing an interest in animals so we will be using this alongside our theme to learn about arctic animals and their habitats. We will find different materials to create our own habitats and think about and discuss what our own habitats are like, remembering every child has their own experiences at home.



We noticed over the previous term that the children love storytime and this is such a great learning opportunity for them! It's a time spent together as a group, gaining new language, considering a range of emotions, learning about new things, enhancing concentration and much more.

We wanted to expand this and hopefully invite as many parents in as possible to read a story to the group – if you have a favourite from home that you would like to share, if not then you can read one of ours – the children will appreciate you coming in! If you are interested in taking part our story week is W/C 20<sup>th</sup> of January, just let Emma know a day and time good for you!

## Sound of the Week

Going into our second term at Pumpkins we are looking to introduce a couple of things to our routine, the first is sound of the week – this is a phonetic sound that we promote throughout the week and link to our theme, if you have anything at home that begins with the same sound then please send in with your child for our sound table - keep an eye on our facebook page for what the sound of the week is.

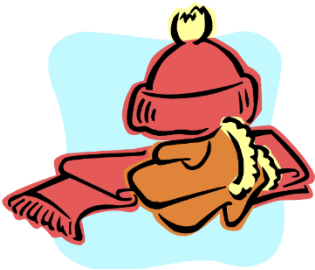
## P.E. Sessions

We will also be doing a P.E. session every week to promote a healthy lifestyle to the children, this will include different activities and exercises and looking at the effects they have to our bodies, mindfulness activities such as yoga and expressing our emotions. The day the P.E. session is will change each week to allow everyone the opportunity to partake in this.

P.E. sessions for this term are:

W/C 13.01.2020	Monday
W/C 20.01.2020	Tuesday
W/C 27.01.2020	Thursday
W/C 03.02.2020	Friday
W/C 10.02.2020	Monday

From Emma and the Pre-School Team



## Hats, Gloves and Coats

Now that the weather has turned colder please make sure that your children come to nursery with warm coats, hats and gloves so that they can keep warm when we go outside to play.

We do go outside, whatever the weather! Thank you



### Dates for your Diary

#### **SPRING TERM 3 2020**

Monday 6 January – Friday 14 February 2020

**HALF TERM:** Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February 2020

#### **SPRING TERM 4 2020**

Monday 24 February –Friday 3 April

**Easter Holiday** Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April 2020



Term dates and Nursery Closure dates are on our website:

<http://www.pumpkinsnursery.co.uk/our-settings/sherston-pre-school/>

Click on Term Dates/Holidays at the bottom of the Sherston page