



COMBERTON PLAYGROUP

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We aim for our Playgroup to provide a stimulating atmosphere in which the children are encouraged to develop their full potential.

Half Term Newsletter Feb 2021

We hope you have had a lovely Half Term!

Dates for the diary!

Thursday 3rd March: World book day – Children to come into playgroup dressed as their favourite character.

Saturday 26th March: The return of our Easter Eggstravaganza! 10.30-12.00.

Any donations for the chocolate tombola and raffle will be greatly received.



Pre-school Curriculum

Pre-school will be focussing on literacy this half term.

WB 21st & 28th Feb: Using the book '*What the Ladybird Heard*', we will be looking at rhyming words and the structure of the story.

The children will make simple puppets and use them to act out the story. They will be encouraged to retell the story in their own words and use their imagination to create different endings for the story.

They will also be making their own maps, learning about directional and positional language.

There will be a small world set up of '*What the Ladybird Heard*' for the children to play with.

Vocabulary used will include hefty, lanky, gangly, gigantic, scrawny, enormous, slender.

WB 7th & 14th March: As world book day is on 3rd March, we thought the pre-school children would enjoy making their own story book. They will think up their own story, draw the illustrations and maybe have a go at writing some of the words.

WB 21st March: Simple sewing to help develop hand, eye coordination and fine motor control.

Vocabulary used will include embroidery, thread, needle, design, pattern, sewing, stitch.

WB 28th March: Gardening, planting seeds and an Easter activity.



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Blue and Green Room curriculum

WB 21st & 28th Feb: We will be doing lots of rhyming in these first two weeks. The children will be playing parachute games such as 'Merry go Round', where the children walk round in a circle holding onto the parachute whilst singing rhyming songs and nursery rhymes.

Songs we will be singing are:

- Zoom zoom zoom
- Ring a ring a roses
- 5 Little Ducks
- Monkeys jumping on the bed
- Roly Poly
- Humpty Dumpty.

The children will be making their own Humpty Dumpty for a wall display and we will be discussing what made him fall off the wall.

WB 7th March: The children will be learning about International Women's Day and we will be talking about the special women in their lives.

We will be reading books from the '*Little people big Dreams*' ground-breaking women collection, which includes:

- Malala Yousafzai
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- Michelle Obama
- Greta Thunberg
- Dolly Parton

WB 14th March: We will be weeding the back garden and starting to plant vegetables.

Vocabulary being used will include seed, flower, stem, leaf, leaves, roots, petals, aromatic, budding, buds, clustered, distinctive, developing, evolving, fragrant, growing, hardy, perennial, trowel, fork, spade, seedling.

There will be soil, plant pots and small trowels in the tuff spot for the children to play with and we will be growing some grass caterpillars using tights!

The children will fill the tights with soil and grass seeds and will take care of the caterpillars watching the grass grow.

Books we will be reading will be:

- **Jaspers Beanstalk**
- **The Tiny Seed**

WB 21st March: Mother's Day Surprise!

WB 28th March: Spring Walks (Parent help will be required, please let us know if you can help)



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Reminders

Please update us if you have any changes to your address or telephone numbers.

No nuts!

Due to nut allergies we are kindly reminding you not to put anything that contains nuts in your children's lunchboxes
Thank you



Messy Play

Messy play sessions are now open to mixed ages 0-4 on Mondays and Thursdays 9.30-11am.

! hour of messy play then half an hour to get the children cleaned up.

Sessions are £5 and can be paid by cash or BACS transfer.

All parent/carers attending must do a lateral flow within 24 hours of attending.

Outside drop offs

We are continuing to collect children from outside for the time being but will be reviewed regularly.

Please do not hesitate to call on 01223 262373 or email

comberton.playgroup@btconnect.com if you have any concerns and/or would like to speak to your child's keyworker.