



November 2023

Welcome to our third newsletter of the year.

Important dates this month.

Children in Need activities – 13th to 17th November.

Poppin Pilates – 17th November.

Parents zoom workshop – 23rd November.

Where to access information.

Up to date information will be communicated via Family app, Facebook, news section of the website and on our noticeboard.

Parents are encouraged to check regularly throughout the month for updates.

Jolly Pirates staff are here at any time if you would like to speak to us. Please contact us and we will get back to you as soon as possible before or after sessions.

What is our learning project? Our learning project this month is ‘who can help us?’ During this month, the children will have the opportunity to explore the indoor and outdoor environments, including how we help in pre-school and who can help us. This project gives the children the opportunity to learn more about the world around them and gaining knowledge by asking staff questions, staff will help them further by researching answers to their questions to encourage and extend interest in the project area.

We will also continue to look at the seasonal change of Autumn taking place and exploring what changes take place e.g., rain/ leaves. We will also explore that Winter is coming next with colder weather.

What activities might we explore? We will be exploring a wide range of activities within all six areas of the curriculum and learning through play. We will share photos and videos of activities within the classroom with you on Family. Children will have the opportunity to initiate their own play and to continue to develop interactions with peers.

Our shape of the month (a triangle) and colour of the month (red) will be explored through a variety of activities including colour and shape hunts. Over the weeks we can explore how Dentists, Police, Doctors, Fire fighters, Teachers, Shop assistants, parents and friends all help us.

We will use ICT to look at who can help us and explore how they help us. We will also do group activities and games which promotes helping peers and staff. We will be exploring how we can ask for help if we need some. For children in need week, we will update you closer to the time with our specially planned activities that we will be having within the classroom for the children.

What might we sing or read? Children will have the opportunity to explore project related books freely in our cosy areas e.g., Going to the doctor. We will also read a range of stories at group time which the children can choose.

To link in with our project, 'who can help us?' we will take part in a range of songs. This includes 'I'm a Firefighter' and 'Miss Polly had a dolly.' Our song sheet is available for all parents on Famly and to download from our website.

Children will also be invited to share their favourite songs and stories with peers and staff.

Additional activities planned?

Children in Need activities – to celebrate children in need we will have a range of related activities and crafts for the children to take part in from 13th to 17th November.

Poppin Pilates will be joining us for another session of movement, relaxation, exploring emotions and storytelling.

Parents zoom workshop – we will be hosting a parent zoom workshop at 6.30pm to talk about our year ahead and give more of an insight into your child's experiences in Jolly Pirates.

What skills are we focussing on? This month we will continue to focus on building children's independence skills. We will continue to work on the independence skill of putting on their own coat/outdoor suit/wellington boots. This is an important skill to develop for transitioning between the indoor and outdoor environment.

We will be beginning to explore more scissor use and developing our fine motor skills to use them which develops our pre-writing skills. More skill focus will be shared home on our Famly posts.

Home activity ideas:

Each month we encourage children and their families to take part in some home activities. There are some home learning ideas on our November plans shared via Famly and news section on the webpage. We encourage parents/guardians to engage in these alongside their child to build a school to home link. Some activities will be;

Counting objects within the home e.g., how many chairs or how many beds is there in our house? Reading stories as part of the bedtime routine. Can you spot any triangles inside or outside? Completing three helpful tasks at home.

Please email photos to info@jollypiratespreschool.co.uk

We will then share with parents how we are using these activities within the classroom and the link/learning opportunities created.

Additional information:

Sickness: please phone Jolly Pirates on 02892 670988, email info@jollypiratespreschool.co.uk or send a message on Famly to alert staff to your child being off due to sickness. This would be greatly appreciated. Absence must be reported on the day.

Please ensure all items of belongings are clearly labelled including their coat and spare clothes bag.

Any extended family members or childminders, who may be collecting children, will need **photographic I.D.** Staff must be informed the morning off collection or ahead of time that there will be someone other than parents collecting.