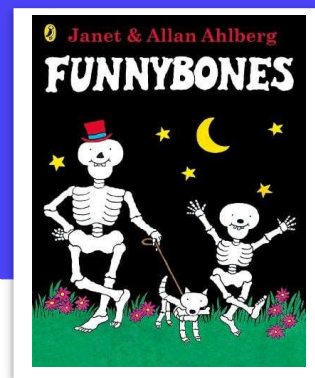


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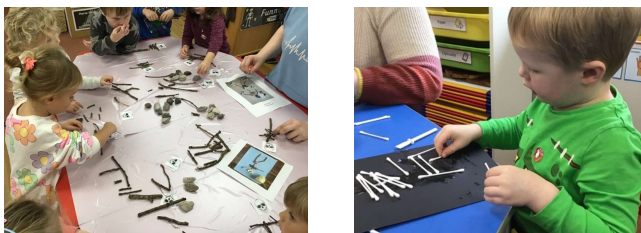
Chelford Village Preschool Newsletter

Welcome back to our weekly newsletter! We hope to bring you lots of information each week about what we've been up to as well as what's happening in the term ahead.

Welcome back . . .

We are so excited to start the new half term and we are raring to go with our learning around our core books and nursery rhymes this half term. We are kicking it all off this week and next with 'Funny Bones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg, and our first nursery rhyme focus is Incy Wincey Spider. The children have been getting to know both the rhyme and the story, and enjoy lots of activities linking to the both.

The children are really enjoying our new 'Funny Bones Vet's Surgery' Role Play area, we've been making lots of skeleton pictures with cotton buds, as well as sticks and stones, and we've practiced using the glue guns and making our own skeleton stick hands.



Outside we have been using the balance beams for a skeleton shaped challenge, and the children have been investigating numbers in our Incy Wincy Drainpipe Dice game.

On Friday, we got into the Bonfire night spirit!! I can only apologise if the Friday children came home covered in paint, they did have enormous amounts of fun, using stuffed tights to paint firework pictures on a shower curtain . . . who knew?



The week ahead . . .

Next Week, we will continue to focus on 'Funny Bones' and Incy Wincy Spider. . . and we have a jam packed and exciting week ahead!!

We will be making our own dark dark den, to investigate light and shadows, looking at and labelling the different parts of the body, stretching out to Funny Bones themed yoga in the school hall, and even getting arty by looking at 'The Scream' by Edvard Munch . . . and making our own 'The Scream' pictures!!

Our math's focus this half term is 'numbers', and we will be recognising numbers and matching quantity in a 'Spider Peg Leg' activity. We will also be developing our fine motor skills in an Incy Wincy Spider Web weaving activity.

Outside we will hope to theme an Incy Wincy Water tray, and we will be getting messy (no surprise!) in a skeleton hands slimey mark making activity, and if that's not enough Katy is planning an archaeological dig tough tray investigation!!

At the end of next week, we will be celebrating Diwali, and we have a number of beautiful and colourful activities to help teach the children about the festival.

Funny Bones Vet's Surgery Role Play Area

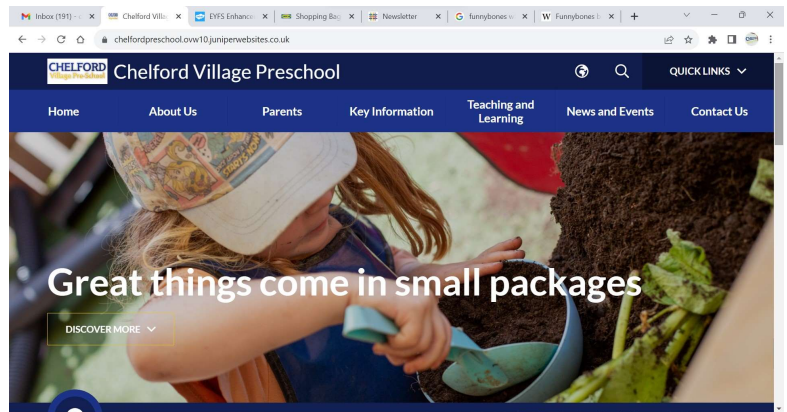


New Website Launch . . .

We are incredibly excited and very proud to launch our new look website this half term. Over the half term holidays, we have been working incredibly hard to finally finish the website, and we are now just waiting for the site to go live, which we hope will happen within the next week or two.

The new website will have an absolute wealth of information for parents, everything from current lunch menus and learning plans, to term dates, the curriculum, and latest news updates.

Watch this space we hope you love it as much as we do!!



Events this term . . .

Monday 4th November - New Lunch Menu starts next week!!

Please see PDF attached to this newsletter.

Monday 13th November - Free Funding Declaration Forms Deadline

This week I have emailed parents their free funded hour forms. In order that we can claim your free funded hours for next term, **please complete and return the form to preschool by Monday 13th November.**

Paper copies are available in preschool on request, if you need any help completing the form please do not hesitate to ask.

15th January 2024 - Primary School Admissions Deadline

Applications can now be made for children due to start school in September 2024. Children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, will be due to start primary school in September 2024. Parents are strongly advised to apply for three preferences.

To apply online please go to www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx or call 0300 1235012.

Christmas Play . . .

We are still in discussion with the school as the availability of the school hall, but rest assured, as soon as we know . . . we will let you know!!

Supporting Learning at Home . . .

Introducing our Weekly Maths Challenge!

The skeletons in the story Funny Bones live in the cellar down the dark dark stairs . . .

1, How many sets of stairs have you got in your house?

2, Can you count the number of stairs?



Funny Bones Home Learning Ideas

Read the 'Funnybones' stories together at home... there are lots to choose from!

Can you talk about the characters in the stories?

Can you retell parts of the stories?

Can you talk about the pictures in the stories?



Reminders . . .

Please don't forget to make sure that your child has nappies and wipes in their bag each day!