Welcome back everyone!

Staff news - Alicia has taken the exciting opportunity to go and support our Newport setting as acting manager this term. The staff team and the children are all lovely so we're sure they will give her a warm welcome and help her settle into her new role quickly. We would like to welcome new staff member Emma to our team at Howden. Emma is a freshly qualified level 3, she will be based at the Church Hall during the day and will be helping out with the before and after school club at Bishops.

The TinyTalk sessions will continue with Emma this term for our Robins and Sparrows, she has some new songs and signs for us to learn!



Chicks News - We are enjoying watching the wildlife in the

chicks, our bird feeders allow the birds and squirrels to come right up to the window which is very exciting for us! We have introduced some soft play and a ball pool into our room and are having great fun learning to climb! We are gaining confidence in exploring the themed sensory trays, recent ones have been farm, valentines and under the sea. The weather is getting better which means we are able to get outside more and enjoy our little garden area which we will be looking to develop over the coming months.



Robins News - The Robins love to be outside! We play with the warm bubbly water, we make our own obstacle courses to climb and balance, we use the cars and wheeled toys to transport and move around in. As the weather gets better we will enjoy watching things start to grow in our sensory garden and have a go at growing our own produce. Singing and dancing is a favourite pastime of ours, we do lots of this everyday, popular songs are Turtle Tuesday, Tractor song, Let it go (Frozen) and Sleeping Bunnies. We are also enjoying story adding stories with props is so much fun, why not try it at home! We've had a little

sacks, reading stories with props is so much fun, why not try it at home! We've had a little move around in our environment which is allowing the children to access the areas in a different way, we've found that by creating little quiet spaces to play in, children become calmer and more engaged in their play.



Sparrow News

The Sparrows are enjoying the sunshine, building obstacle courses doing brilliant balance work pretending the crocodiles are coming for them, they are also enjoying water play washing their babies and role playing a car wash. Inside we are starting to use natural resources in our play, the children have access to sticks, stones, feathers and plenty more, so we are enjoying watching their imaginations of building dinosaur houses with logs and feathers or bridges with sticks, have fun collecting bits at home and bringing them to pre school or playing at home with them.

Events

<u>World Book Day - Thurs 6th March -</u> bring in your favourite book to share with us. Dressing up is optional, we have plenty of costumes to try on here should your child wish to dress like their favourite characters.

<u>Mothers Day stay and play</u> - bring a loved one to celebrate Mothers Day on <u>Thursday 27th</u>

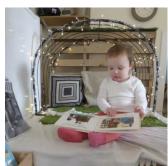
<u>March 9-10am.</u> A chance to share some lovely activities with your child to celebrate

Mothers Day. All welcome, even if it's not your day.

<u>Summer Fayre/Art for All - Sat 7th June</u> - To join in with the town's weekend of Art celebrations, we will be hosting a sensory stay and play art session from 11am at Bishops Manor. We have room for a few craft stalls, if anyone is interested please get in touch. We will be looking for tombola donations for this event, if you have anything suitable please bare us in mind.

HOME LEARNING IDEAS

<u>Create a little space -</u> is there a little area in your home that you could make a cosy safe space for your child to access? A few cushions, books and quiet toys in a little corner will not only give your child a cosy space to play but also a safe space where they can go when their emotions get a little too much. Remember to model what the area is for and encourage them to use it, you could squeeze in too!









GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>CLOTHES and ACCESSORIES - Please remember to name everything including pants, socks, gloves, hats, water bottles and baby wipes etc, unfortunately things do go astray, naming items will help them find their owner again.</u>

Diary Dates

4th March - Pancake day - a pancake themed snack will be available

6th March - World book day

12th March - Some Sparrows Nursing Home Visit

27th March - Bring a loved one to celebrate Mothers Day

Thurs 3rd April - Sparrows Easter Service at The Minster

Thurs 3rd April - Pre-School closes

4th-17th April - Holiday Club - very limited spaces - BOOK NOW!

Tues 22nd April - Pre-School opens

Mon 5th May - CLOSED

Fri 23rd May - Pre-School closes

Tues 27 - Fri 30th - Holiday Club - BOOK NOW!

Mon 2nd June - Pre-School opens

Sat 7th June - 11-1pm - Summer Fayre/Art for All

Fri 18th July - Pre-School closes

We have an open door policy, you can call on us anytime during opening hours, please do not hesitate to make contact if there is anything you wish to discuss regarding your child. Thank you.