



Magic Dragon Preschool

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Hello Everyone,

The children have enjoyed their second week back at preschool. There have been lots of giggles and smiles as we made a bus in the garden to go on adventures, worked together to build towers, shared stories, navigated the obstacle course, sung songs, had a go at mixing colours to match our skin colours, played in the home corner and learnt how to move like animals. The children are all settling in so well. It is great to see some children developing in confidence to ask for things, build friendships, take turns and tolerate each other at preschool. Staff members have had some very mature conversations with children about how they learn and what makes them happy. We can't wait to see you all next week.

Next week our theme will be animals. There will be lots of songs and rhymes, hunting for animals, collaging fish, and learning facts about our favourite animals. We will also be celebrating European languages week by learning to say 'Hello' in our welcome circle in a different language each day.

To help your child at home this week with their learning, we are going back to basics to help them access tissues, blow their noses, wipe away the germs, put the tissue in the bin and then clean our hands. We would welcome your help at home to reinforce this and help them become independent. A note on illness:

If your child is not well enough to come into preschool and requires Calpol, please do not bring them in. If your child has had diarrhea or vomiting we ask that you wait 48 hours from the last bout before they return to preschool. If your child is not going to be at preschool, please call or text by 8:30 if possible. Thank you.

Here are some photos from this week

<https://www.instagram.com/magicdragonpreschoolbristol/>
<https://www.facebook.com/magicdragonpreschool>

Have a lovely weekend everyone. From Niki and the MD Team

Dates for the diary:

STAY AND PLAY then Coffee, cake and a catch up – This Wednesday 27th. Everyone welcome straight from drop off even if you can only stay for 10 minutes. (See attached flyer) 9-9:45/10:30
End of term 1 – Thursday 20th Oct.
Our committee meeting in on Monday 2/10/23 for anyone who would like to come along and hear about what we do at preschool, offer ideas to help us improve or help with ideas for fundraising. Everyone is welcome.

RAINBOW MAT

If your child has made something to take home, we encourage them to be independent and put it on the rainbow mat. Please check with your child at the end of the day to see if there are any masterpieces to take home.

Bucket time

We received some training last year from our Inclusion & Portage support worker. She introduced us all to an intervention from Autism Awareness called bucket time. This intervention helps children with their concentration, attention, language and communication. This is a focus for us at Magic Dragon this year. We feel that all children can benefit from this intervention regardless of their needs. We just wanted to keep you informed so you know what your child may be doing at preschool.

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Play idea for the week:

There are lots of conkers to be found in the parks. Why not collect a few and other Autumn treasures and add them into your child's play? You could pretend they are food for teddies or boulders to build a road or... let your child take the lead in the play.

Things to try to remember next week:

- Stay and play then our Coffee morning on Wednesday - everyone is invited.
- Please keep us informed of your child's interests, achievements or worries so that we can celebrate / support them. There are stars, home stickers and clouds on the registration table for you to fill in. Thank you