



Magic Dragon Preschool

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Hello Everyone,

We have made it to the end of a very rewarding and successful term back at preschool. Thank you for all of your support and co-operation.

The children enjoyed learning about Spring this week. The highlights were definitely the Easter egg hunts and making their own Easter nest. There was also lots of fun, counting pom poms, shaving foam and glitter, sharing stories, building with the foam and wooden blocks, playing with the dolls house and washing socks in the garden (I have been finding socks pegged up to dry in peculiar places all week in the garden). I hope your sunflower seeds start to germinate over the holidays. Keep them indoors until they have germinated and are well established and enjoy checking them each day to see how they have grown.

After Easter our theme will be Jack and the beanstalk and the Gingerbread Man. We will be sharing these stories and retelling them lots during the week.

To help your child at home over the holidays we would like you to share some traditional tales. It is such a special time reading with your child and the benefits they gain from that special time are endless. I wonder which stories you will enjoy? My favourite is Goldilocks, which is yours?

Here are some of the highlights of the week:

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

Have a lovely and restful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you from the week beginning 19th April.

From Niki and the Magic Dragon team



Phonics

Next week we will be looking at 'm' pronounced **mmmmm** like you are hungry (not 'mu' at the beginning of 'much') and 't' as in a little 't' sound rather than a 'tu' in 'tuppaware'.

The first step in phonics is hearing the sounds in words and then saying them. (recognising them and writing them comes next).

Hear, say, read, write.

Please do not feel the pressure for your child to know their sounds or be able to write them, this is just a fun introduction for those that are ready and showing interest. We want all our learning to be fun.

Why not try making up silly sentences with as many words starting with 'm' or 't'? Mummy makes many mice moan! Toby takes his tiger to the train track on Tuesday. Or you could hide some letters written on papers around the house or garden for your child to find and say (a little bit like an Easter egg hunt). Have fun!

Please remember that if you are writing the letters to use lower case letters and not capitals.

Here is a link to know how each letter sound is pronounced. [Sounds of the English Phonic Code -Synthetic Phonics.wmv - Bing video](#)

Makaton sign of
the week = stop



Snack after Easter:

Hot cross buns, rice cakes and bananas, vege sticks and crackers and bread sticks & fruit.



Things to try to remember after Easter:

- **Term starts on Monday 19th April.**
- **Keep helping your child to put on and take off their shoes by themselves (we have seen some great examples at preschool of children who are proud of their achievement and independence now they can do it by themselves).**