



Magic Dragon Preschool

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Hello Everyone,

4/1/24

Welcome back to Term 3. Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a lovely restful Christmas and were able to enjoy the change in pace over the holidays. Welcome also to our two new children and their families who have started with us this term. We have two more children starting later this term.

The children have all thrown themselves back into preschool life brilliantly and all seem happy to be back. They have been busy building towers, planting beans, decorating the new year date, singing nursery rhymes, playing with the cars and lots of washing up has gone on outside.

This year we have introduced a daily sing and rhyme time for all children in addition to the singing and rhymes we do during our group time. **To help your child at home this week**, sing and say their favourite rhyme. Maybe you have a CD at home with rhymes on to listen to or a nursery rhyme book. Nursery rhymes lay the foundation for learning to read and spell, they introduce the idea of a narrative and boost language development.

Blue group children have started our phonics programme and our first sound has been 'm' (pronounced as if you are enjoying some delicious food) if you want to start finding things at home that start with 'm'

It has been great to have some children staying at preschool after lunch. We are looking forward to doing some cooking, gardening and new sports in the next few weeks with our children that stay later. If you would like to have two extra hours working or at home just before the school run, then please let Niki know and we can sign your child up. You can also use this service on an ad-hoc basis so if you need extra childcare one week but not on a permanent basis then just let us know.

Take a peek at our photos from the week here:

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

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

Have a lovely weekend everyone from Niki and the team.

Makaton sign

of the week

= look

Look



Snack = bananas and rice cakes, olives and crackers, cereal, breadsticks &

Play idea for the weekend:

Yellow group enjoyed tapping out rhythms on the drums this week and making noises to match the Giant's Fee-Fi-fo-fum voice. Find lots of boxes, saucepans and tins to make your own drums at home. You could make a family band! Have fun.

Dates for the diary:

11/1/24 A visit from Katie Duncan – Inclusion and Portage support worker.
24/1/24 Coffee morning for all parents.
7/2/24 Chinese New Year dance – all parents welcome in at 12:45.
1/2/24 Preschool finishes at 1 pm for all children
8/2/24 End of term 3.
19/2/24 Start of term 4

Starting school this September?

The deadline for school applications is next Sunday. If your child is in blue group you will need to apply for your school place. Please ask a member of staff if you would like any help.

Some gentle reminders

Please remember to tell a staff member on the door in the morning if any of the following apply to your child/family •

Your child has had medicine prior to coming to preschool.

- Your child has had an accident outside of preschool where they have hurt themselves.

- Your child is being collected by someone who is not known to us or is not noted on your registration form.

- Or if there is anything else that you feel we should know.

- Please text in if your child will be absent in the morning

- Please also keep us informed if your mobile phone number or email has changed.

Things to try to remember next week:

- Pop the dates in your diaries for this term.
- As ever, if you have any old or out of date pastas, lentils, oats, spices etc we would love them for our play.
- Blue group children – apply for a school place.