



# Magic Dragon Preschool

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Hello Everyone,

19/1/24

There was a lot of huffing and puffing this week as towers, houses and the climbing frame were all blown down. Blue group children made some amazing creations during their woodwork session. The children enjoyed playing netball/basketball, exploring the instruments outside, building their own obstacle courses in the garden, building with the magnetiles, cooking pizza wraps, playing in the cafe, printing and collaging the Three Little Pigs houses and sharing lots of stories and songs.

Next week we will be taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch with lots of opportunities for mark making in the garden – Here is the link if you would like to take part as a family [Big Garden Birdwatch | The RSPB](#)

We will also be celebrating Australia day with some art and music.

Blue group have been having fun and games with phonics. The letters covered so far have been m a s and d will be covered next week. Please ask any member of staff if you would like some guidance on how to pronounce these sounds.

It is great to be back in the large hall for our general provision and also using the smaller hall for our physical play. We hope the children are enjoying playing in our great spaces.

Here are some photos from the fun we've had this week:  
<https://www.instagram.com/magicdragonpreschoolbristol/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/magicdragonpreschool>

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

From Niki and the Magic Dragon team

**Makaton sign**  
  
**of the week**  
  
= tidy up

To tidy up



**Snack** = Crackers  
& fruit, satsumas,  
olives and  
breadsticks and  
Shreddies.

## Play idea for the weekend:

There has been lots of interest in playing guessing games recently. At home, you could gather play animals or and hide one behind your back. Then give your child clues such as... It's a big animal, it lives in the jungle, it has stripes etc Then you can take it in turns to guess an animal. You could keep it simple by just using colours of animals or you could challenge your child and think about where it lives, what it begins with, what it eats etc.

## Dates for the diary:

**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

## Increasing your child's days at preschool

We have lots of new children signing up to start at preschool. If you are thinking of increasing the number of days your child attends Magic Dragon, please email me with your preferred days and when you would like this to start so that all our current children can take priority and other days can be allocated to new starters.

## Supporting Communication and Language from the Early Years Alliance.

An event, which is being offered to all from the EYA will take place via Zoom, and will share information and advice about how parents and carers of under-fives can support children's learning and development at home through lots of exciting sessions for them and their children.

**The event focuses on how parents and carers can support their children's communication and language development, and will include sessions on bilingualism, Makaton and music, movement, rhythm and rhyme ... and much, much more.**

The three-day online festival will run from **Thursday 22 February to Saturday 24 February 2024**, and parents and carers can book to attend as many or as few free sessions as they like. Sign up here [bit.ly/FamilyFestivalEYA2024](https://bit.ly/FamilyFestivalEYA2024)

## Things to try to remember next week:

- 1 Coffee morning for everyone from 9 am on Wednesday.
  - 2 Please tell a member of staff on the door in the morning if your child has an accident/bump outside of preschool.
  - 2 Keep filling in the notelets by the front door to tell us about your child's changing interests at home.
- Thank you