



## Tiny Tigers Newsletter - April 2021

### Easter bonnet parade

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and children that made hats for the parade, the children all worked hard and looked wonderful.

### Primary Schools

If your child is attending primary school in September could you please let us know what school they will be attending, so we could organise a visit/chat with their reception class teacher to help with a smooth transition to school.

### Staff news

We would like to welcome Tanya Rose to our team at Tiny Tigers, she will be working on a Monday and Thursday.

### Sun cream, sunhats and water bottles.

When the weather starts to get warmer please could we ask you to provide a sunhat for your child, also could you ensure that your child has had sun cream applied prior to their arrival at preschool. Could we also remind you to bring in a named sports bottle of water for your child so they can have access to a drink whenever needed.

### Tiny Tigers Website

Tiny Tigers has a website to keep you updated with information including newsletters, future events etc. the address is [www.tinytigerspreschool.co.uk](http://www.tinytigerspreschool.co.uk)

### Invoices

Invoices are given to parents monthly, Please could we remind all parents to pay them preferably by Bacs payment within a week of receipt.

### Absences

If your child is going to be absent from preschool please could you let us know by either texting or phoning the preschool mobile on 07563544325. Also can we remind you that if anyone different will be collecting your child could you please let us know in advance so we are aware of any changes.

### Photographer

We have a photographer booked to come to preschool on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June, if all goes to plan she will photograph all the children attending that day. If your child doesn't attend on a Thursday and you want their photo taken you can arrange to bring them in on the day. We will keep you updated of any changes.

### Term dates

#### Term 5

**Starts:** Monday 19th April

**Bank Holiday:** Monday 3rd May

**Finishes:** Friday 28th May

#### Term 6

**Starts:** Monday 7th June

**Finishes:** Thursday 22nd July

Many Thanks

Tiny Tigers Pre-School

# Tiny Tigers Preschool



## Term 5 - 2021 STRIPES Newsletter



Welcome to the STRIPES (Starting Transition Ready In Preparation for Entering School) newsletter. Here you will receive information each term of the activities that we will be undertaking for your older children, and getting them ready for the transition to "big school". We work very closely with the reception class teacher to find out what will be expected of your child when they move up to Reception.

### Routine of the session

- 1.15pm - registration and carpet time to discuss letter sounds etc
- 1.30pm - free play and adult initiated activities including mark making, PE, cooking and computer/ICT sessions
- 2.30pm - tidy up time
- 2.40pm - whole group story time
- 2.50pm - outside play before going home (weather permitted- if not story time will continue)
- 3.00pm - Home time

### Physical development

The children will also take part in PE sessions which will include music and movement as well as taking part in sport activities. When we spoke to a reception teacher she told us that one of the main things the children need to be able to do when they start "big school" is to get changed for PE independently.

We therefore ask if you could provide your child with a pair of shorts/tracksuit bottoms, a t shirt and a pair of trainers in a named bag.

### Understanding the world: technology

Every four weeks have a technology afternoon at preschool for the children to acquire basic skills in turning on and operating some ICT equipment, including tablets, remote control toys, cameras, toy electronic keyboards, torches, radios and karaoke machines.

We will also talk about ICT apparatus, what it does, what they can do with it and how to use it safely including how to stay safe when using the internet.

## Literacy: reading

We will continue to read "Georges marvellous medicine" throughout this term and discussing main story settings, events and characters. We will be looking at how the story is structured; beginning, middle and end and think of different ways the story could end. We will be looking at the print, and that in English it is read from left to right and top to bottom.

## Letters and sounds

Letters and Sounds is a phonics resource published by the Department for Education and Skills in 2007. It aims to build children's speaking and listening skills in their own right as well as to prepare children for learning to read by developing their phonic knowledge and skills. It sets out a detailed and systematic programme for teaching phonic skills for children starting by the age of five, with the aim of them becoming fluent readers by age seven.

<i>Phase One</i> (Nursery/Reception)	Activities are divided into seven aspects, including environmental sounds, instrumental sounds, body sounds, rhythm and rhyme, alliteration, voice sounds and finally oral blending and segmenting.
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## Literacy: Writing

Lots of children of pre-school age are too young to have established whether they are right or left handed and have not yet developed their motor skills for writing. Learning to write too soon, with incorrect letter formation and pencil grip can hinder their future progress in literacy. You may notice at home that your child will swap hands from left to right and this is known as the "cross over" or "mid point" as they have not yet developed the right and left hemisphere of their brains. Whereas, as adults we move the paper, children have not reached that concept and will move their hands. Therefore, during our Friday afternoon sessions we encourage the development of fine motor skills through a combination of gross motor skills activities such as drawing, painting, colouring, tracing, threading, cutting, construction, play dough, streamers with music and model making.

We hope that you find the above information helpful and please encourage any activities with your children at home. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Friday afternoon sessions please come and speak with Natalie or Claire W.