



September Newsletter

Welcome back!

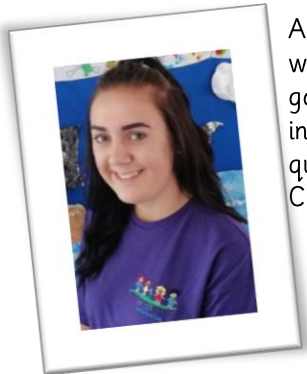
What's New?

We are in the process of fitting out the ground floor and we expect it to be ready for use by the beginning of October. We have lots of new ideas we want to incorporate in to this new learning zone. These include a play area for outside cars and bikes to be used for when the weather is too bad to go out to play.

Safe feet

To help keep our nursery a clean environment for your child to learn in we ask children to remove their shoes when coming inside. You are welcome to provide a pair or slippers/indoor shoes for them to wear during indoor learning time if you would like to. Please ensure these are clearly marked with your child's name.

New Team Member



A warm welcome to Demi, who joins us from recently gaining her Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education qualification at Hartlepool College of Further Education.

Curriculum Talk

Child-led Learning & Teachable Moments

Teachable moments is about incidental teaching. It happens when we take advantage of opportunities of everyday moments, routines to extend a child's knowledge and skills. It uses the child's interests and natural motivation to learn new things and maximise those opportunities for verbal exchanges.

The basis for all of this is that children have a natural desire to learn and explore. So instead of holding their hand through a variety of preset activities, we can allow them to find their own interests, and use this to enhance and build upon their existing knowledge.

We break it down into three stages:

The Child's Spark – This is when the child first shows an interest in something. There should be an air of fascination around the object and concentration in what they are now doing.

The Teachable Moment – The key person will notice this and engages with the child. This is the opportunity to extend their interest, by asking open-ended questions and considering ways to apply this interest to other options within the environment.

The Documentation – At a later date, we can document the observation. Include the spark, the teachable moment and what we did next. This helps us to map out each child's interests, and plan an environment that works for them.

This practice:

- ~ Encourages language development
- ~ Increases quality time between staff and children
- ~ Helps children develop skills and confidence for reading
- ~ Increases academic success

Did you know?

Most children start full-time school the September after they turn 4. And children born between 1 April and 31 August can start the September after they turn 5.

All 3 to 4 year-olds in England are entitled to free early education before the start school. Which means they can receive all the benefits abc 123 Pre-School has to offer right up to starting school.



This Weeks Menu

Week commencing 23rd September				
	Snack*		Dinner*	
	am	pm	Main**	Dessert***
Monday	Porridge with golden syrup	Chocolate chip Cookie	Shepherd's Pie & Petit Pois	Bananas and custard
Tuesday	Cheese, crackers, vegetable sticks	Yogurt coated rice cake	Chicken Casserole, New Potatoes, mixed veg	Whipped dessert and pear slices
Wednesday	Brioche roll with jam	Potato snacks	Chicken Goujons chips, salad	Pancakes & Ice Cream
Thursday	Toast with spread or jam	Cheese, crackers, vegetable sticks	Penne pasta, Mediterranean roast veg sauce with mozzarella	Yogurts
Friday	Porridge with honey	Bread sticks & tzatziki dip	Fish fingers, chips petit pois	Sponge & custard

*Snack is served with a selection of seasonal fruit/dried fruit/raw vegetables.
 **All main meals are served with bread and butter.
 *** Fruit is available for dessert

We will be publishing our menus each week on our website please visit:

www.abc123pre-school.co.uk/blog

Many thanks for your support from abc 123 Pre-School

Cold Weather Clothing

We believe children should experience as much of their learning as possible outdoors in all types of weather. To facilitate this, we ask you leave the following with us at the nursery;

- a pair of wellies,
- a waterproof jacket and trousers,
- a pair of mittens,
- a woolly hat,
- a child friendly juice bottle with leak proof lid.

All of these items need to be labelled clearly with your child's name.

Nappies & Pull-ups

If your child is still wearing nappies you must provide enough for each session along with wet wipes and any barrier cream needed.

These will be placed in a bag with your child's name on and only used by your child. We hold some nappies for an emergency and if we need to use these, we will need you to replace them one-for-one, rather than us charge you.

Request for photos ~ Me and My Family

Within the EFYS curriculum we need show evidence of your child engaging in conversation about who is their family.

Can we ask you upload some pictures of your child with their mum/dad/brothers/sisters or close family relatives they know any pets you have in your home. If you to have photos to send in we are able to copy them and return them at the end of your child's session.

