

Pre-School Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026

Theme: Curious Me

Key Question What is it like here?



EYFS Teaching team

We are here to support parents, carers and children. Please speak to one of the team if you have any questions, concerns or worries about your child.

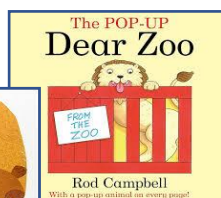
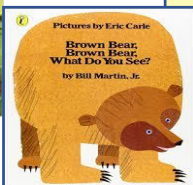
EYFS Leader: Mrs Bharadia

Pre-School Team: Ms Lacey and Mrs King

Punctuality counts!

It is important that your child is on time to school every day.

The Pre-School day begins at 8:30am. Please bring your child into the classroom and explore for the first 15 minutes of the day



Key Texts:

- Walking through the jungle
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?
- Dear Zoo



Knowledge and Understanding of the world

This is how we encourage your children to understand and make sense of the world around them. As they start their journey in Pre-School, your children will have opportunities to explore and respond to natural phenomena around the Pre-School.

As we settle your children into Pre-School, we would like to develop and build good relationships with you and the children's immediate family. To enable us to develop and establish good connections with you we would like to invite parents and carers in to Beatrix Potter Class to share songs and rhymes from around the world and in your home language.

Communication and Language:

During this term we will provide lots of high quality interactions with your child as they begin to develop their communication skills through, body language, Makaton and gestures. Your child's communication skills will be enhanced and extended through a wide range of activities which will expose your child to new and unfamiliar words to extend their vocabulary. Your child will learn through a variety of high quality texts and a focussed story of the week. Your child will explore a wide variety of nursery rhymes through our rhyme box, our musical sound walls and other exciting opportunities. We will have a Nursery Rhyme of the week. Please sing these at home and in your home language too.

Home Learning: Every Friday you will be given a rhyming sack to explore at home. Please scan the QR Code to listen to the rhyme and watch the Makaton version to learn the rhyme with Singing Hands

Personal, Social and Emotional:

Your child will be welcomed into a safe, stimulating environment where they will begin to build strong relationships with their key person and all the other adults in Beatrix Potter Class as they share quality time through getting to know one another and through exploring their interests through a wide range of various activities. Our children will begin to feel safe and secure and feel confident and happy to say goodbye each morning as they embark on their new adventure. Our children will begin to develop their communication skills to engage with others as they begin to form new friendships. Our children will begin to independently make their own choices as they explore an environment which provides a high quality continuous provision tailored to meet the individual needs of all our children.

Physical Development

We have two amazing outdoor areas within our pre-school. Our children are able to explore all morning as they have free choice of where they want to play and learn. Children develop their gross motor skills rapidly through these daily opportunities of being able to run freely, climb, build assault courses and travel over it, ride scooters and bikes and take risks as they gain confidence in their abilities.

Pre-Writing activities are also planned to meet the individual needs of the children to ensure they develop their core, shoulder, elbow, wrist and strengthen their hand muscles to support their fine motor development.



Important Information:

Nursery Rhymes and songs from around the world - Please speak to a member of the Pre-School team if you would like to come in and share some traditional songs or rhymes in your home language.

Friday: Home learning with our Nursery Rhyme Sacks. Please ensure these are returned every **Monday**.

Lending Library: We have a large selection of stories and books. Please choose one daily/weekly with your child.

The Great Outdoors:

Outdoor learning is a very important part of your child's learning and development and in the EYFS we take the children outdoors to explore the natural world around them.

Please support your child's learning by providing;

A coat suitable for all weather. This coat can be left at school and worn outdoors for digging, climbing, water play and painting.

Wellies that are clearly labelled and these will have a place on our welly rack

Three full set of spare clothes with your child's name on each item of clothing. This should include; socks, underwear, trousers/skirt/leggings, top, jumper

Please encourage your child to dress and undress independently at home. This is an important life skill and will support your child with managing their own needs.



Tapestry



Dollis Primary school

Tapestry is your child's online learning journey. It is a wonderful platform for us to be able to share pictures and videos of your child's learning.

You will soon receive your verification link to create your tapestry account.

Please upload videos, comment and photos of your child's learning to Tapestry.

Please follow this link for a reminder of how to do this

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=espJ96TJHV8&ab_channel=TapestryOnlineLearningJournal

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have not yet received your link or need any further support with using tapestry. We look forward to seeing your photos and videos!

