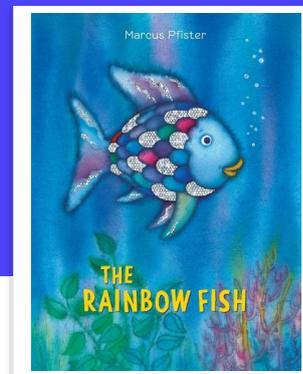


17TH NOVEMBER 2023



Chelford Village Preschool Newsletter

Welcome back to our weekly newsletter! We hope to bring you lots of information each week about what we've been up to as well as what's happening in the term ahead.

We have been learning . . .

This week we are looking at our new story 'The Rainbow Fish', alongside our new rhyme '1,2,3,4,5, Once I caught a fish alive' and the children are already starting to remember and comment on the story.



This week the children have really enjoyed decorating their own rainbow fish this week, as well as making rainbow fish lollipop puppets to help retell some of the story.



The children have also had their maths hats on this week and we have been looking at the numbers 1-5, matching number to quantity and looking at the different ways that numbers and quantity can be represented . . . (Shh, don't tell them, they thought they were just fishing!)

Alongside this the children have also been having fun with underwater play dough, as well as making friendship potions outside in the mud kitchen.

On Friday this week, we were really pleased that so many of you got involved and came to preschool wearing spots to support Children in Need. Thank you so much for your donations. The children have made some lovely paper plate Pudsey's, and have enjoyed fun Friday afternoon of Pudsey party games!!



The week ahead . . .

Next Week we are continuing to look at our core book 'The Rainbow Fish', and once again we have a whole host of themed learning activities ahead of us.

At the beginning of the week, the children will be learning about pollution in our seas and oceans, and what we can do to look after the fish and animals that call the ocean their home.

On Wednesday we will be cooking pitta fish pizzas, (yum yum!) and on Thursday we will be getting serious with fizzy rainbow science explorations!

During the rest of the week, the children will be enjoying under the water themed yoga fun! and music and movement group activities.

We have also planned some lovely craft activities, including making octopuses and CD fish suncatchers, and we will be threading friendship bracelets for our friends. Will we be able to give away our beautiful bracelets like the rainbow fish gave away her beautiful scales? . . .Tricky!

Outside we will be enjoying some sensory ice play, as well as making bubble wands and blowing bubbles like a fish. Phew!! We'll be ready for rest after all that.

Session Availability

Our places for the rest of this year, are already starting to fill up; we are looking forward to more children joining us at the start of the Spring and Summer Terms and our permanent session availability for this academic year is very close to being full.

That said, up until Easter it is likely that we may have some availability for extra ad hoc sessions, so it is worth dropping us an email or giving us a call if you need the occasional extra.

If you do intend on permanently increasing or changing your sessions at any point in this school year or indeed from September 2024, please drop me an email **as soon as you can**, changes to sessions will be considered termly and sessions are allocated on a first come first served basis.

The website is now live . . .

Please visit us at www.chelfordpreschool.org

We really hope that the website will be a fantastic source of up-to-date news and information. If you get the chance, please have a good browse on your laptop as well as your phone!



Events this term . . .

Friday 8th December 3.30pm-6pm. Chelford Primary School Christmas Fair

Unfortunately, time restrictions this year mean that we are unable to have a preschool at the school Christmas Fair, but please consider popping along for a Christmassy fix and to join in with everything that is going on, as always it promises to be a lovely event.

Christmas Nativity Play Wednesday 13th December . . Save the Date!!

This year our Nativity Play, 'Christmas Counts', will be held on Wednesday 13th December at 10.00am, in the school hall. We are still in the process of choosing children's roles, but as soon as we know we will let you know. Please look out for a separate email with more information next week.

15th January 2024 - Primary School Admissions Deadline

To apply online please go to www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx or call 0300 1235012.

Supporting Learning at Home . . .

Weekly Maths Challenge!

How did you get on last week?

This week can you ask your grown up for their keys!

How many keys are there on the key ring?

How many would you have if you lost one?

How many would you have if added one more?

Who has more keys? Mummy or Daddy?



Rainbow Fish Home Learning Ideas

As well as sharing the story together you could try:

The Rainbow Fish learnt to be a good friend by sharing. Ask your child about their friends and how they feel when their friends share with them.

Visit the local library and see what other under the sea themed books or poems you could enjoy together.

Get together in the kitchen, and make Rainbow Fish Pizzas!!

Click the link below for the recipe

<https://www.organiccookeryschool.org/blog/rainbow-fish-pizzas>



Reminders . . .

Please remember that to ensure that children's packed lunches are healthy and nutritious! Please do not include, chocolate, nuts, sugary drinks and sweets. For ideas for healthy lunchboxes, please click on the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

We are running low on spare girl's trousers or tights, if you have any spares that you would be able to donate, we would be really grateful. Thank you xx

