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# Theydon Bois Pre-School Group

## Newsletter – 19 April 2022

We hope you have all been able to enjoy a restful Easter. We extend a warm welcome to all our children this week as we head into the Summer Term.

### EASTER COMPETITION TIME - How Many Chicks Are in the Jar?



This week at pre-school, you will find outside the double doors a jar full to the brim of Easter chicks! Can you guess how many are in the jar? **£1** donation for each guess – prizes to be won! Winners will be announced next week!

Good Luck!

Money raised will be put towards our Life Cycle topic during this term which we hope will include real life ducklings or chicks hatching at pre-school.



### Music Wall

A big thank you to our parents who donated their old pots and pans. Natasha and Coral have now been able to revamp our outdoor music wall. We hope you agree that we think it looks fantastic.



### Parent Post Box

We have a new post box hanging on the pre-school gates for parents to make use of. Please post any forms, slips, letters etc in here.

We will be sending out parent feedback forms this term which can be posted back anonymously to this post box. Further details to follow.



## Language & Communication

We have recently introduced communication and language sessions for ALL our children based on their development level.

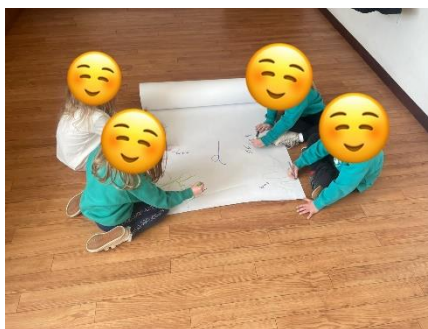
Language and communication is key and scaffolds all other areas of development and learning.

These sessions will help to encourage good language and communication skills amongst the children.

Melanie has been taking small groups of children for fun sessions twice a day and this has been proving to be successful. At the end of the Spring term we had been focusing on the letter sounds m, a, d, s, t. We learnt one new sound a day and recapped when necessary.



You can hear the letters by clicking on the following link to [Jolly Phonics](#)



The children have been thoroughly enjoying their group sessions. We went on a sound hunt, matched objects to their initial sounds, air writing the sounds and finally practising writing sounds onto paper.

Younger children may take part in early mark making activities such as using their fingers to mark make in sand or gloop. Every activity is carefully planned for the individual needs of the children.

## Literacy and our Outside Environment

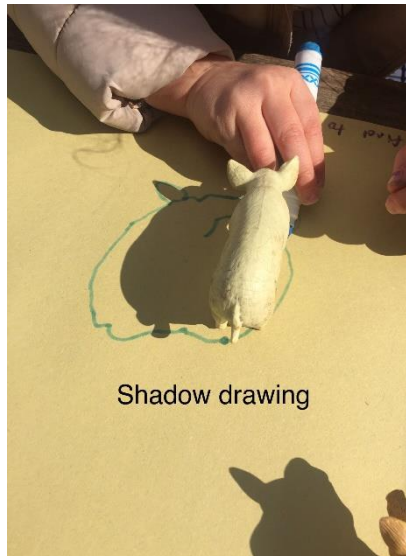
During the Spring term staff have gave the children new opportunities in literacy in our outside (& inside) environments.



Children embraced the chilly sunshine and enjoyed shadow drawing and chalking on our animal shaped chalk boards.



## Shadow drawing..



### Pre-School Committee

As the Spring term came to a close, we said cheerio to our Chairperson and Admissions volunteers (Sarah and Suzie) and thanked them for all their hard work over the past two years.

We now welcome our new Committee members into their roles and look forward to working with them over the coming months:

**Sarah & Harriet** – Chairpersons (tbpschair@gmail.com)

**Francesca** – Admissions (theydonboispreschooladmissions@gmail.com)

**Kristina** – Treasurer (tbpstreasurer@gmail.com)

**Deborah** – Fundraising

We are always looking for volunteers for our pre-school Committee to help in whatever capacity you are able. Please do get in touch with Sarah and Harriet if you would like to join our Committee and make some new friends!



With the summer approaching please remember to send your child in with a sunhat and sun lotion when needed. All children should come to pre-school with a named bag containing at least one set of spare clothes.



The following report was released at the start of April this year, it details evidence gathered in the Spring term 2022 about the ongoing implications of the pandemic on children, how early years settings are helping children to catch up and how early years providers have been affected. If you would find this interesting please click on the following link &/or icon:

[Education Recovery in Early Years Providers: Spring 2022](#)