



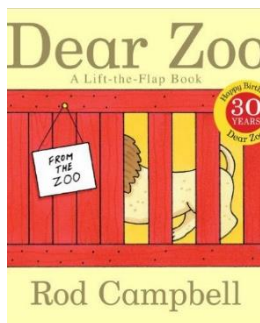
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Newsletter
Autumn Term 1 2023

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new children and families to Hersden Under 5's, and to welcome back those who were with us in July, we hope you all enjoyed the summer break.



Theme: This term we are basing our learning around the book: *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell. This classic book will open up a world of learning opportunities, particularly about size, animals and pets. Your children are welcome to share any relevant items with us, including stories, games, songs or toys.

If you have a child friendly pet which you are happy to bring into pre-school to meet the children, please have a chat with Isabel or Denise.

We are collecting fruit nets for an activity, so if you have any netting from oranges/plums, nectarines, lemons etc, please can you save it for us.

We are also focussing on **Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land**, building children's knowledge and understanding through age-appropriate activities, we are using the book *Look After us* also by Rod Campbell, to facilitate this. For further information on the goals, please see:

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

EYPP funding: To support learning at home and the development of Communication and Language and Literacy for all of the children, we have used some of the Early Years Pupil Premium funding to purchase a book about animals for each child, by the author Rod Campbell. We have purchased these books from *WOB*, a fabulous online second-hand book shop, which follows our ethos of sustainability and our commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. We are currently enjoying sharing the stories with all the children, and we will be sending a copy home for each child to keep and share with their family, along with ideas for learning at home, towards the end of term. We hope you will enjoy sharing these books with your children.

Help with fees: We strongly recommend that all parents visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk you may be surprised by the help that is available, including tax-free childcare which is available alongside your funded hours to help cover additional fees.

Naming Belongings: Please label all of your child's things, especially hats, jumpers and water bottles, to help avoid confusion.

Parent Readers: We would like to invite parents/carers/grandparents or friends. To come to pre-school to tell their favourite story, or read one of our books, to the children. Please chat to Isabel or Denise if you would like to do this.

Family Board: We have an ongoing display in preschool, of photographs of the children with their families, which the children love to look at and talk about. This helps the children have to have a sense of belonging and to learn that all families are different. Please do send in (or email) a family photograph for your child to share, discuss and display. A note on who's who would be very helpful!

Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 3rd October: Annual General Meeting at 19:00 at the pre-school: This is an open meeting which everyone with an interest in pre-school is welcome to attend. We are looking for new parent members to join the Management Committee, so please come along to find out what it is all about and offer your support.

Thursday 12th October, Key Person Meetings: Please make an appointment with Isabel or Denise, to discuss with us how your child has settled into pre-school, and their progress through the Early Years Foundation Stage. We will share their Learning Journals with you and give you yellow stickers to take home, for you to record your child's learning, or "wow" moments on. These will then be added to their Learning Journals. If you have not yet returned your Learning Journals, please do so at your child's next session so we can keep them up to date.

Holidays: Pre-school will close on **Friday 20th October at 16.00** and reopen on **Monday 30th October at 8.45**.

Friday 27th October, Halloween Disco. Family friendly fundraising event, everyone welcome at Chislet Colliery Welfare Club, 19.00 – 22.00. Look out for fliers and posters and further info on Facebook . . .

Kind Regards,
The Hersden Under 5's Team

