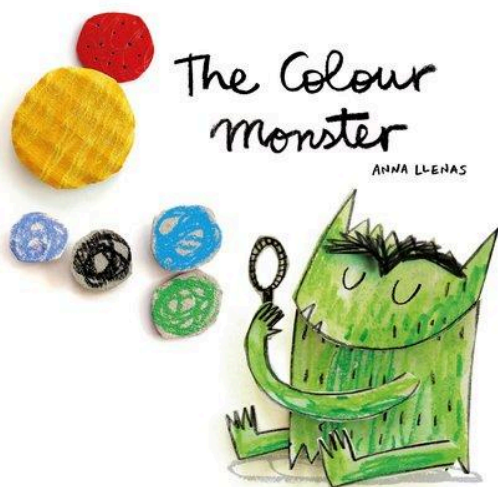




# South Milford Preschool

Spring 2



## Dates for the Diary:

**Term begins - Monday 8th January**

**February Half Term - W/C 12th Feb**

**January - RSPB Big Bird Watch**

**February 6th - Safer Internet day**

## **LEARNING THIS TERM**

We will be continuing to explore what makes us unique. Will be focussing around the book called 'The Colour Monster' and continue the thread around emotions from this. Recent staff training explored the concept of teaching resilience in children, empowering them with a 'I can do it!' attitude. We will be sending home achievement starts and would love for you to support this by sharing something they may have tried really hard to achieve!

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We hope you all had a fabulous festive period. The Preschool Team would like to wish all our families the best for 2024! We are excited to welcome you all back next week. Our Preschool family is extending and we will hopefully recruit a new member of staff very soon so watch out for more information on this!

## **2 YEAR FUNDING**

We will be offering the new 2 year old funding as part of the Government's Childcare Expansion from the 1st April 2024. You can now apply to access the 15 hours of 2 year old funding on your government gateway account. More information on this can be found [HERE](#).

Should anyone be looking to change and/or increase days to utilise their government funded hours, please let us know ASAP then we can add you to the waiting list.

## **CONSUMABLES AND RESOURCES CHARGE**

As some of you are aware, those who access funding within preschool are asked to pay a contribution towards resources and consumables. Government funding is only meant to cover the cost of the hours used, therefore this helps cover the cost of things such as snacks, glitter, glue, baking ingredients etc. The government's new expansion program paired with the increase in the national living wage is going to have a significant impact on all early years settings. Therefore, anyone who uses the funding to cover the cost of their childcare will be required to pay a consumables charge. This will remain at the current cost of only £1 per session. This will be implemented from April 2024 in line with the Government's Childcare Expansion. You will receive further information about this via email shortly. However if you have any questions regarding this decision, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We thank you as always for your support in this decision.

## **TAX FREE CHILDCARE**

When paying through TFC please make sure you use the following registration number and postcode:

Registration Number - 2734842

Postcode - LS255AF

(South Milford Preschool has existed before and this has caused some confusion when using this system!)