



# South Milford Preschool

Spring 2



## Dates for the Diary:

Term begins Monday 19th Feb  
Term ends Friday 22nd March  
March 7th - World Book Day  
March 10th - Mothers Day  
March 15th - Comic Relief fundraiser (Bluey dance party!)  
March 31st - Easter Sunday

## **!!! SUMMER TERM DATES !!!**

**CLOSED - W/C 27th May & W/C 3rd June.**  
**Please note this will be different to school!**

## **LEARNING THIS TERM**

To go alongside World book day we will be exploring words, texts and phonic sounds. This will include skills such as joining in with songs, recognising rhyme and alliteration, noticing letters and symbols in the environment and forming some letters from their name.

We are still promoting lots of independent skills in preschool to keep the ethos of a 'I can do it' attitude going. You can support this at home by encouraging small tasks such as opening a yoghurt or brushing their own hair.

## **STAYING SAFE ONLINE**

We have become aware that some of the children are playing games online. We have had discussions with the children about how we keep ourselves safe when doing this, and encouraged them to ask an adult if they are unsure about anything they may see or hear. You can find more information on how to protect your children online [HERE - \(NSPCC guidance\)](#). Following on from these chats we have found a few children discussing games with a PEGI rating above their age. Please be aware that the PEGI rating on a game is given to determine the suitability of the content, not the difficulty of the game

## **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.

*Please note:* 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. We thank you as always for your support in this.

## **CHILD ABSENCES**

We realise it is not compulsory to attend preschool and we also realise as parents ourselves how busy and chaotic life can be especially when your little one isn't well. However you are required to notify us should your child not be attending. A quick text is enough! This is an important aspect of our safeguarding procedure and we have a duty of care to all our families to adhere to this. The full procedure for absent children can be found in our attendance policy on our website. (Link below). Thank you for your understanding with this.

## [Policies and Procedures](#)

## **TAX FREE CHILDCARE**

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