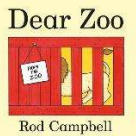
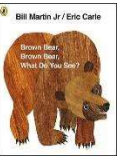
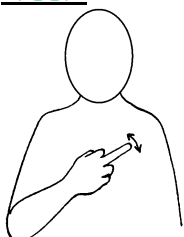


Pre-School Newsletter - Monday 14th September 2026

A very warm welcome to all our new and a welcome back to our existing families. This week we will be helping the children settle back in and getting to know their new Pre-School adults and learn new routines. We are very much enjoying getting to know them.

Each week we will send you a copy of our weekly newsletter to let you know what's going on! Our main focus will be settling in the children and looking at familiar books 'Dear Zoo' and 'Brown Bear'. See below for some of the provision that is on offer for your children this week.

Communication Language and Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Physical Development	Expressive Arts and Design	Personal, Social and Emotional Development
					
KEY TEXTS Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell  Rod Campbell Brown Bear Brown Bear by Bill Martin Jr/Eric Carle  Learning to use the visual timetable which shows us what is coming up next in the session. The structure of the day is: Exploring time Tidy up time Song/story time Home time	Practicing saying our number names aloud from 1-10 as we count children here each day. Counting the different animals in the key texts this week. 	We will be looking at different types of bears and exploring loose parts to make our own bears. Our playdough will be focusing on different zoo animals, helping us with our fine motor to make different zoo settings for the animals with playdough.	Gross motor skills challenges (to help strengthen those muscles): 1.Learning how to use the play equipment outside. 2.Using our wooden blocks to build up bear dens.	Painting at the easel with a range of colours. Learning to access our own paper and put our paintings to dry on the drying rack. SONG OF THE WEEK: Learning the song 'The wheels on the bus' Click below for the link to practice this song at home too. here	We will be supporting the children with their health and self-care skills around toileting and handwashing. We will be using the Makaton sign for 'toilet' with the children. SIGN OF THE WEEK:  Toilet Click the link here to see this sign in action. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9V6IS CnJYDs

How you can help this week.

1. Before entering Pre-School each day, be sure to look at the notice board outside. Here you will find photos of the staff who will be supporting your children in the session. The children find it reassuring to know who will be in Pre-School that day (as our practitioners work on a rota system).
2. Help your child to practice managing their clothing before and after they use the toilet and encourage them to have a go at wiping themselves and washing their own hands. Do come and talk to us if your child is still in pull ups and you want further advice as to how to move towards using the toilet. We have some great leaflets with lots of tips and tricks!
3. Please ensure that your child has spare named clothes in a named bag for their peg. This is to include, tops, bottoms, pants and socks. Please top up the bag after spare items are used. **ALL CLOTHING MUST BE NAMED!** A ribbon loop attached to sweatshirts/cardigans/coats is also helpful to make hanging items on pegs easier for your child.
4. We are always around to speak to if you have any concerns about your child or information to share. We would ask you, however, to wait until the adult on the door has dismissed the children at home time, as we need to ensure that they get out to you promptly and safely! Also, please could make sure siblings stand back from the door as this area can get quite congested. Thank you.
5. Our sessions finish promptly at 11.45am and 2.45/3.30pm. Please make sure that if you are running late for whatever reason that you notify the office so that we can reassure your child.
6. We are collecting in family photos. PLEASE send us a photo so that we can put it up on our family wall. The children have been looking for themselves for our home corner environment- it's such a lovely talking point and can help when the children are missing home. You can email the picture to school (preschool@stanley.richmond.sch.uk) if you don't have access to a printer.
7. Children are natural magpies and some of our lovely resources may end up in pockets or coming home in the children's bags. Please return any parts, however small, to us. We are always thrilled to have them back and will always praise the children for making a good choice at returning them. It's all part of the learning process. Thankyou!

