

Newsletter January



2018

NEW!!

**Forest School with
Zelda every Monday
and Tuesday Morning.
Bring warm clothes
and wellies!**

**Easy
chicken
curry**





WELCOME BACK!!

Welcome back and a 'HAPPY NEW YEAR' to you all from ALL the staff at Caterpillars!

This term we will be concentrating on the 'World around us' looking at festivals, travel, the environment and also exploring different building structures.

Links to the EYFS;

- Have a sense of family
- Look at similarities
- Notice features in the environment
- Learn about the world around them.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 3rd January
2018- We will be communicating with other settings if your children attend another preschool

Thursday 11th January
2018- Staff Training evening on mark-marking

Friday 16th February- Early years Coffee Morning on Maths at Colyton Primary School 9-10am. All Sept 18 intake parents are welcome.

Valentines morning is based on the popular book " Guess how much I love you"

Spring term – 2nd Jan- 9th Feb 2018 – Half Term please book spaces for holiday club if you require childcare.

Learning Through Play

Our staff will:

- Support children in their play
- Provide lots of resources
- Be aware of the potential learning across all areas of the curriculum
- Model skills involved in play
- Use lots of language
- Observe how children learning through play.

Term dates

Tuesday 2nd January 2018-Friday 9th
February

HALF TERM Monday 12th February-
Friday 16th February

Back to term date; Monday 19th February

Useful Numbers

Colyton Primary School 01297 552231

Seaton Primary School 0129720922

Uplyme Primary School 01297 442210

Kilmington Primary School 0129732762

Shute Primary School 01297 33348

Charmouth Primary School 01279 560591

Please send in photos from home to add to your child's learning journeys, we'd love to see them.

Early talk Homework

- See how many different noises you and hear by being silent for 1 or 2 minutes
- Make things as quiet as possible at home and start a timer. Tell your child to listen out for as many sounds as they can.
- When the time is up, talk about everything that you have heard - see how long you can make the list.
- You could also try having a quiet time to find a specific sound. E.g hide a ticking clock or a noisy toy somewhere in the room - can your child tell what the sound is and where it is coming from?

Interesting fact- Small children seem to be instinctively attracted to all things the planet is made of, above all sand and water. These materials offer rich learning opportunities for children but learning would not take place without the children's own delight in substances themselves- it is pleasure that provides motivation for play.

Messy Monkeys

From September, each Tuesday mornings we are having a messy monkey's session. Lots of fun for all ages between 0-5 welcome at only £1.50.

No need to book. Just turn up.



Facebook

Follow us on Facebook for up to date activities and notices.

Colyton Caterpillars



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As we are now very busy, we only have spaces PM each day. If your child cannot attend their contractual session we will be unable to make that session up elsewhere. Thank you.

Office news

Don't forget!! healthy lunch options for £1.75 per day are available, offering hot meals.



News Flash!

Zelda has been working with us for the last half term doing some amazing learning in the outside environment which the children have loved. We are fortunate enough that Zelda will be carrying this on a Monday and Tuesday morning for an hour. Please can your child bring warm clothing and wellies if they attend those days.

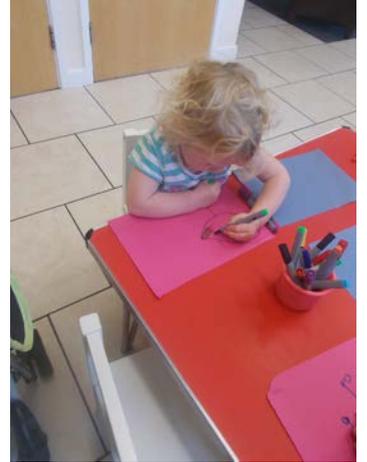
Literacy Focus

All staff this term will be focusing on Literacy in children's play from 9mths-4 years. This will be developed through opportunities of rich play



Ideas at home:

- Sharing stories
- Mark Making
- Listening to music
- Imaginary play
 - Role play



Children's recipe

Easy Chicken curry from India

1 lb chicken, cut in cubes

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

large onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 tablespoon gingerroot, minced or 1 teaspoon ground ginger

1 teaspoon curry powder

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground cloves

1 teaspoons chili powder

1 teaspoon cumin

1/2 cup fat-free plain yogurt

Cut chicken into cubes and set aside. Sauté onion and garlic in oil. Add chicken and brown. Stir in yogurt and spices. Turn to low and simmer for 20 minutes.

Serve with rice if desired.