

Dear Parents and Carers

Our programme, outlined in this booklet, simply provides a framework for our activities over the coming term. We will continue to be responsive to the children's needs and ideas so don't be surprised if our activities change from those outlined here! We hope that our activities will provide a foundation for the children to gain knowledge and understanding of the world around them and provide a range of experiences to stimulate and enhance their learning.

Thank you for taking the time to read this booklet we hope you will find it a useful guide to our activities. If you would like to contribute in any way to our themes with toys, books, props or posters, please feel free to bring them along or alternatively please have a chat to any member of staff.



On our return to Playgroup we begin by exploring Halloween with the children. We will hollow out pumpkins and make pumpkin soup for snack. This will be followed by Bon-fire night. This is a good opportunity for us to discuss personal safety and we will talk to the children about using fireworks safely. We will also create a firework wall-display with the children.

As the dark nights draw in we will look at safety and talk to the children about how

important it is to wear something bright so that you can be seen when it is dark.

Please note that the 16th & 17th of November are in-service days i.e. staff only no children.

## December Christmas



December is always a great time at playgroup. The children will be getting very excited and busy at Playgroup making Christmas cakes, cards and decorations. We will also be learning the songs for our Christmas show. Nearer the time we will discuss, with the Children, our Nativity and Christmas show and talk about the parts they will play.

**Very important dates to put on the calendar for December!**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Pre-school Providers Christmas event

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Dress rehearsal for show

All children 10 – 11:30am

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Show Day

All Children 10am for 10:15 start

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party at Ha'berry

11.30 – 12.30 Party Lunch

12.30 – 1.15 Entertainer

1.15pm Santa

Parents/Carers to return at 1.15 to see the children receiving their presents from Santa

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> NORMAL PLAYGROUP SESSION

Playgroup resumes on

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010 at 10am

## WINTER Programme January

We will start the New Year on a chilly theme with a look at Cold Weather. The children will learn about the weather while exploring the world of Penguins and Polar Bears. This is always a popular theme with the children and one we thoroughly enjoy.

## February

At the beginning of February we will be looking at nocturnal animals and this will include a visit from the Rangers who work at Crathes castle.



This brings us to the Mid Term break and the dates are as follows:

**15<sup>th</sup> Feb (Mid term) NO PLAYGROUP**

**16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**In-service day's staff only**

We return on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb when we will be studying the birds in the Playgroup Garden and making something nice for them to eat!

And finally, we look forward to working with you when on duty and extend a warm welcome to any new children and parents who join us this term.

If you have any concerns, worries or general queries about your child while at playgroup please do not hesitate to let us know.

Kind regards

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