



## 1<sup>ST</sup> HALF AUTUMN TERM 2019

We are looking forward to another fantastic year, working alongside you, to provide your children with a solid start to their first steps in the early years. Whilst the activities planned for the children have a planned development outcome, we know that the children often change the plans to meet their interests. This is welcomed and encouraged and then used to help us plan the activities for next time. A big part of the day is spent observing the children in their own initiated learning, with the staff encouraging, enhancing, observing, recording and then using the information, to plan future topics and activities.



### TOPIC NEWS STORIES AND SONGS

We will be spending much of the time over the coming weeks, getting to know each other and the environment, and in turn gently building the children's confidence. This half term's topic will be Stories and Songs. Our main focus for this topic will be on the children's Personal, Social and Emotional Development alongside their Communication and Language Development. This topic is great in helping build the children's confidence and communication. With rhymes and stories being well known to all the children, the topic offers a good, familiar footing, which helps with the settling-in period, at the beginning of a new term.



• **The Three Little Pigs** – The children will be using different materials to create and build.

• **The Little Red Hen** – The children will be learning about working together, being helpful, sharing and kindness. They will also have a go at making bread.

• **The Three Billy Goats Gruff** – The children will use movement and music to act out the story. We will be looking at 'size' language.

• **Goldilocks and the Three Bears** – The children will learn about counting and will be looking at size. We will be talking about family and routines.



To finish off the topic, we are planning to have a 'Sing-along' session. We will be inviting you all to join us on **Friday 18th October at 11:15am**, with the children and hope that as many of you as possible can make it. Further information to follow.

**HOME LEARNING** IS A GREAT WAY FOR THE PRE-SCHOOL TO WORK WITH YOU AS PARENTS TO GIVE YOUR CHILD A CONSISTENT APPROACH TO LEARNING. IT'S ABOUT HAVING FUN AND SHARING EXPERIENCES AS A FAMILY.

- Share stories with your children and help to develop their communication.
- Choose a favourite story from home to bring to the pre-school to share.
- We would also love your help for our 'At Home Board'. We would like you and your child to collect photos of them at home. Things like, brushing their teeth, walking the dog, helping in the kitchen etc. Photos can be emailed to [manager.lfpreschool@btinternet.com](mailto:manager.lfpreschool@btinternet.com) if you do not have access to a printer. Photos will be displayed in our "home" area, helping the children to have conversations about home and learning about joining in with family routines and customs.



### DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 8th October 8:00pm - AGM at the George Inn, Vernham Dean
- Friday 18th October 11:15am - Sing-a-long
- Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November (inc) - Half term
- Thursday 31st October - Pumpkin party 5:00pm - 6:30pm
- Wednesday 27th November - School photographer

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's Key Carer or Miss Leanne.  
**The Little Fingers Team**