



## 1<sup>st</sup> Half Autumn Term 2020

We are looking forward to another year, working alongside you, to provide your children with a solid start to their first steps in the early years. We would like to welcome Piper, Cora, Antek, Eliza, Archie, Poppy and Isla to Little Fingers. We hope that they will enjoy their time with us as much as we will enjoy having them. By now, you will all know who your child's Key Carer is. Although under new restrictions, we still have an open door policy, whereby you can contact your child's Key Carer at any time. Please speak with the member of staff of duty when dropping off or collecting your child, or via email or phone, if you have any concerns.

Whilst the activities planned for the children have a planned development outcome, we know that 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 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.



**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 to read together.
- We would also love your help for our 'WE ARE FAMILY' board. We would like you and your child to collect photos of them and other members of your family and also any pets that you may have. You can either email photos to [manager.lfpreschool@btinternet.com](mailto:manager.lfpreschool@btinternet.com) if you do not have access to a printer or send the photos in with your child. 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.



We are holding an evening (Via Zoom) for Parents/ Guardians on Understanding the EYFS and introducing you to Tapestry. Tapestry is our online Learning Journey system which records all the learning and fun your children have whilst at Little Fingers. This is an informal but important event that we would encourage you to join. It will enable you to understand your child's learning process. The date is Wednesday 30th September at 8:00pm. Please email [adminoffice.lfpreschool@btinternet.com](mailto:adminoffice.lfpreschool@btinternet.com) By now you will have all received your log in details and will start to see notifications from Tapestry, of the children on their Learning Journey.

### DIARY DATES

- EYFS Evening - Wednesday 30th September 8:00pm Via Zoom
- AGM- Tuesday 6th October 8:00pm Via Zoom
- Friday 23rd October - INSET DAY PRE-SCHOOL CLOSED
- Friday 23rd October - Open Morning 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October (inc) - Half term
- Saturday 31st October - Scarecrow fundraising event
- End of term - Wednesday 16th December