



**HEARTY  
ST PAUL'S  
PRESCHOOL**

Summer Term

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# Early Language Newsletter

Summer Term Edition edited by Helen Taylor-Hollis

This term we have been Painting Pebbles for you to hide around Plymouth with your child.

During the Summer Break you might like to “hide” your child’s pebble whilst out on a country walk or a stroll through the woods or even on a trip to the shop. This will give you an opportunity to talk with your child about the area that you are in and to capture photographs that you can talk about later.

Please be careful where you “hide” your pebbles. Don't leave them in the grass where they are at risk of damaging lawn mowers, and don't leave them where they may become a trip hazard. You can leave clues to where you have hidden your pebbles on the Plymouth Pebble Art Facebook page, you can always check in to see if anyone has found yours. Please send us any photos you might take of you and your child “hiding” your pebble or if you find any. You can send photos to our email at [stpaulspreschool@live.com](mailto:stpaulspreschool@live.com) or our St Paul’s Preschool Facebook page.

Words that you can use with your child:

Pebble

Patterns

Look

Hidden

Find



If you take photos of your child having fun or if your child does a drawing or makes something at home please share it with us for your child's Learning Journey folder. If you email photos to us we can print them off to put in their Learning Journey.



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We will also be learning about numbers so you could you talk about the numbers on doors, buses etc with your child when out and about. Also counting objects in the home or objects in nature.

Here's a Nursery Rhyme that you might like to sing with your child

One, two, three, four, five  
One, two, three, four, five,  
Once I caught a fish alive.  
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,  
Then I let it go again.  
Why did you let it go?  
Because it bit my finger so.  
Which finger did it bite?  
This little finger on the right.

## Top tip for this term

### Use simple language and short sentences

- \* Describe what you are doing (in short sentences) e.g. what you are buying while you are in the shop “I’m getting apples”, “Let’s find some milk”.
- \* If your child is pointing at something, tell them what it is. If they try to say the word, say it back to them.
- \* Don’t make them say a word before they can have something – just say the word again yourself.
- \* Toddlers have short attention spans, so they need us to use short sentences.
- \* Choose words that are right for the child’s level – simple words such as “eye” before “eye-lash, eye-lid”.
- \* If a child has good understanding of words, they may still need to hear short sentences to learn to say them.

### Here are some important dates to remember

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Book Start Animal Day 18th July - Dress up like an animal bring an animal story if you have one.

Leavers Day Monday 23rd July 2018

Summer Fair Tuesday 24th July 2018 **closing at 12 noon.**

Summer Break starts Wednesday 25th July 2018

Autumn Term starts Monday 3rd September 2018

Spook Fest Friday 19th October 2018 closing at 12 noon.

Half Term starts Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October 2018

Christmas Party 14th December 2018, closing at 12 noon this is also our last day of term. Preschool Reopens on 7th January 2019

**Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child as the weather improves as we do spend time in the garden during every session. Please bring in a hat for your child and dress them appropriately for the weather. Vests and strappy tops are not appropriate for sunny days as shoulders and necks can easily get burnt. Please label all of your child’s clothing. Thank you.**

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