



HEARTY  
ST PAUL'S  
PRESCHOOL

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# Early Language Newsletter

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This term we will be planting sunflower seeds. We will be planting them in our garden and learning how to care for them. We will be watching them grow and measuring them. Your child will also bring home a planted seed for you to care for at home.

**Caring for your sunflower seed.** Place them on a window sill, in a greenhouse, or outdoors and keep watering a little everyday or so. You should see the seedlings appear in about a week.

When your seedlings are around 10-15cm tall, and with a stem that's beginning to look a little sturdier, you can re-plant them out doors or in a large pot. Water them daily for the first few days to encourage them to grow their roots out in to the surrounding soil. Plants in pots will continue to need regular watering, plants in open soil will need watering if it doesn't rain.



We think that every child should experience growing a huge sunflower. It's so much fun for children to see a tiny seed transform into a tall, tall plant that towers above their heads. We would like to you share photographs of sunflowers grown at home so that the children can make a display. If you are able to send in photographs we will include them in your child's Learning Journey.

Words that you can use with your child:

Leaves

Stem

Tall

Patterns

Yellow

Grow

Water



**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 and bags .Thank you.**

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.



Our email is:  
[stpaulspreschool@live.com](mailto:stpaulspreschool@live.com).

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.

We will also be 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



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.

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**Summer Fair and Last Day of term Wednesday 24th July 2019. Parent accompanied day, Closing at 12 noon, all children welcome**

**Autumn Term Starts Monday 2nd September 2019  
October half term Closed Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October**

**Children’s Christmas Party and Last day of term Friday 13th December, closing at 11.30, All children welcome to attend. Please drop your child off at 9 am and pick up at 11.30 no parent help needed thank you.**

**Spring Term Starts Monday 6th January 2020  
Half Term Closed Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2020**

**Easter Break Closed Monday 30th March to**

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