Welcome to Clever Cats Preschool!



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Meet The Team

Over 3's Team



Deborah - Over 3's Manager



Ariba - Key Carer



Dawn - Key Carer



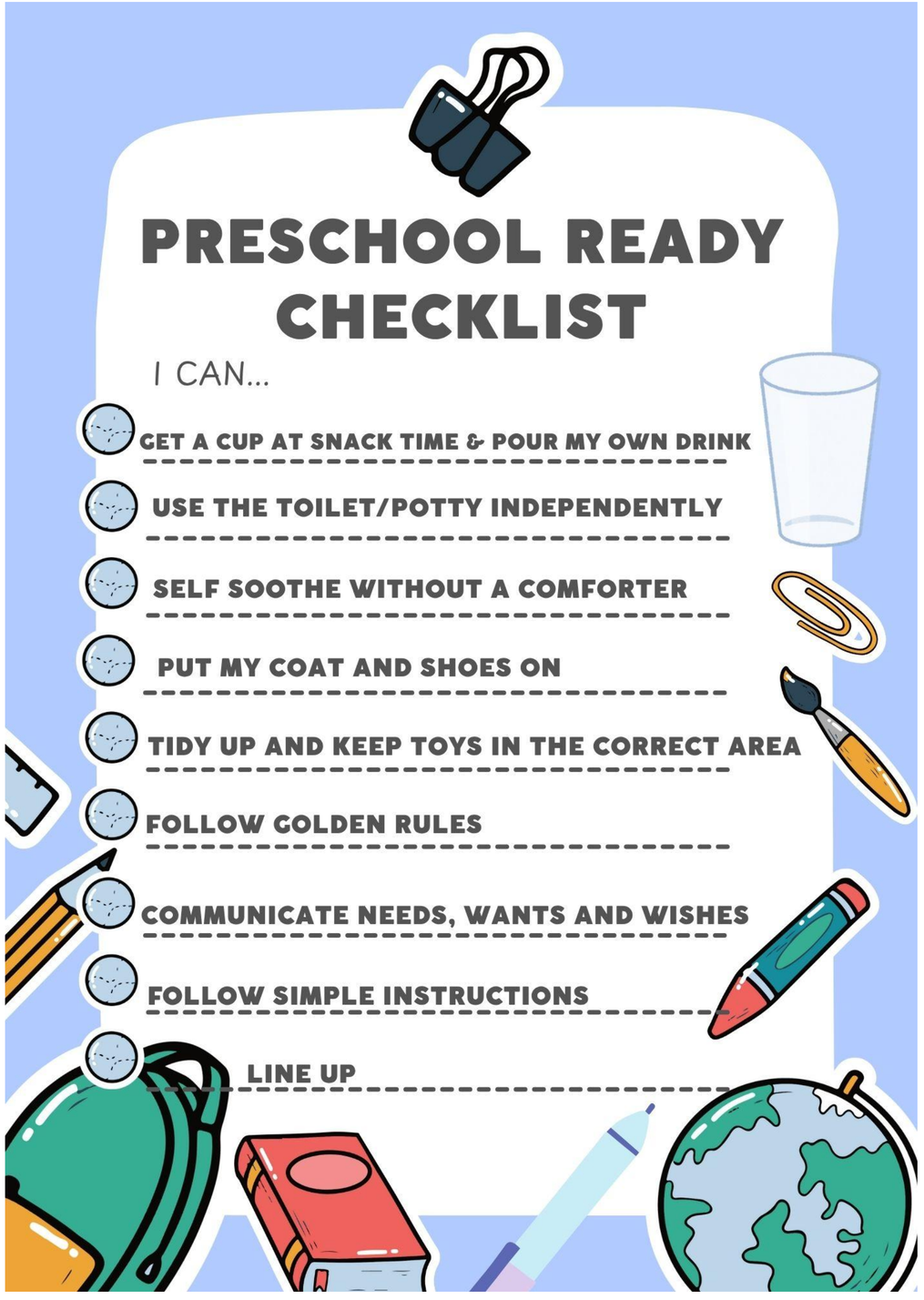
Emma - Key Carer



Zahra - Key Carer

Preschool Ready Checklist

Here is a list of things that we look for to help your child become ready for the transition to the Preschool Room.



What We Expect

- Registration Meeting: Before starting with us, we offer a settling in session where a registration meeting will also be carried out with parents/carers. The settling in session will last around 40 minutes and the registration meeting will take place during those 40 minutes while your child is playing in their new environment. After the registration meeting parents/carers will be asked to leave the child with us for the remainder of the settling in session. If parents/carers are unable to attend the registration meeting during the settling in or before the child starts nursery we will conduct the registration meeting on the child's first day, we ask that you arrive 10/15 minutes before your child's session so this can happen. Registration meetings are a very important part of the process, ensuring that we have all the necessary information and permissions for each child.

- Being On Time: Please ensure you are turning up on time for your booking so your child does not miss out on important learning. Turning up on time also helps with school readiness, as it's a requirement to be on time at school. We offer lots of different sessions, so please make sure you are picking the one that works best for you and your child to ensure punctuality.

- Fees: Invoices are raised weekly and payments are due a week in advance on THURSDAYS, this is to ensure your booking for the week ahead. You may build credit to pay monthly. Please leave adequate time for vouchers to clear and payments to reach our bank account. Full fees are payable in the event of an unnotified absence, please advise of sickness on the day between the hours of 7:30am to 8:30am, in order to qualify for the 50% reduction for your session.

- 3 Emergency Contacts: We ask parents/carers to provide at least 3 emergency contacts, this is in case we are unable to get hold of the first point of contact during an emergency. For example, if your child becomes ill or has an accident. When giving us your emergency contacts please bear in mind the distance they may need to travel to pick your child up and how quickly they will be able to get to nursery. When an emergency contact picks up for the first time we will ask for a photo of them before they collect as well as ID, this is to ensure the safety of the child. We also ask for you to set up a password when you start with us, this password can be used by emergency contacts to collect your child.

Bookings, Changes And Holidays

If you need to change your nursery booking, we ask for at least a week's notice, please advise me **by Thursday at the latest**, ideally by email.

Please email me on (email address) to request your change – we will send a confirmation email from us to confirm your updated booking.

You can also tell us about planned holidays in this way too.



What To Expect:

- Regular learning journey updates: every session your child is in you will receive at least one observation on Elite pathway and an update on class dojo. If you cannot access either of them please make sure to let your cohort leader know.

PLEASE NOTE: at age 3 Daily sheets stop except for children with Special Educational Needs or who are non-verbal.

- Stay and plays: in preschool there will be plenty of opportunities to come and join us at nursery! We will host a number of stay and plays with lots of different themes for example McMillan coffee morning, Halloween trick or treat etc

- Learning and development: preschool year is a very important year for your children as we are getting them ready for school. In preschool we will be doing lots of school readiness, well being and rights respecting. We will be teaching your children how to be independent and thrive at school.

- Lots of fun: last but not least expect lots of fun! This is an exciting year for your children and we aim to keep it as fun as possible!

FOUR WAYS WE PROMOTE COMMUNICATION



1 DAILY COMMUNICATION TIME

Every day we have communication time, this involves using a character and a communication basket that contains objects to aid learning during communication time. During communication time activities are carried out that focus on the child's speech, language or understanding.

2 WELLCOMM

We complete Wellcomm assessments on the children from 6 months old and the assessments are carried out once per term. Wellcomm assessments are used as a tool to identify any children who are experiencing barriers to speech and language. We group the children depending on their Wellcomm scores and carry out daily Wellcomm communication groups using the step up cards which have different activities on.

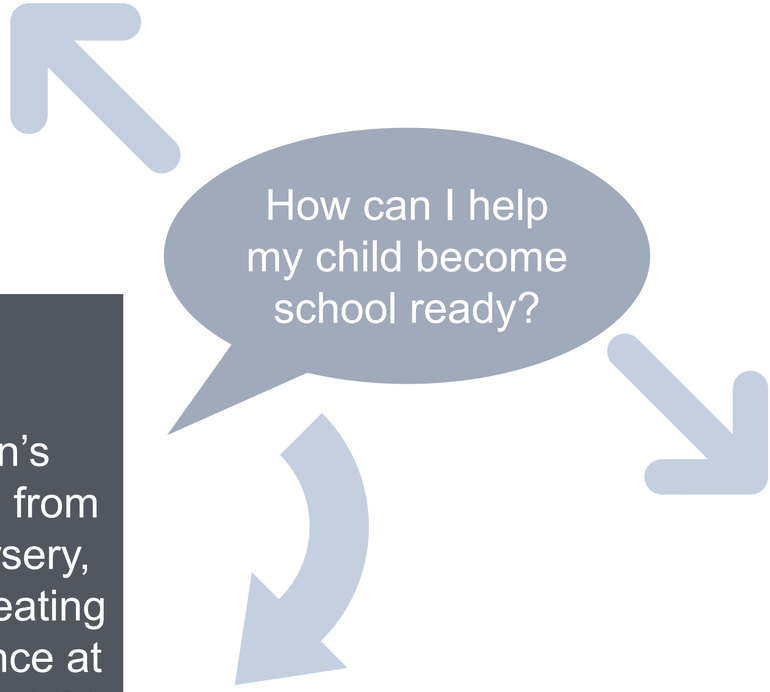
3 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SESSIONS

We are offered speech and language sessions by outside professionals. The sessions are made up of fun activities that help the children with their speech. The Wellcomm assessments can be a useful tool here to suggest which children may be put forward for these sessions.

4 CONCEPT CAT

The Concept Cat approach teaches preschool children concepts such as 'first', 'wide' and 'empty'. This is designed to be taught in a structured and engaging manner with explicit teaching of vocabulary followed by implicit teaching in play-based learning.

Routine: having a routine is important in a child's life from the beginning. Having a routine will create a safe environment for your child. Having a routine will also allow your child to know what to expect, this means your child will develop confidence and self control.



Support at home: supporting your children's learning at home is important. Following on from what the children have been learning in nursery, you can keep it up at home. For example creating number games. Also supporting independence at home is important too, as this will help your child become more confident in their ability. Remember to keep positive and praise your child for trying!

Toilet training: Toilet training is an important step for your children as it promotes self esteem and independence. Toilet training is part of the 0-36 months age band in the EYFS and birth to 5 matters. Schools also expect children to be fully toilet trained when starting reception.

I can…

- Recognise my name
- Copy the first letter
- Write my name
- Draw a face
- Hold my pencil correctly
- Colour in carefully
- Name the colours I use
- Put my socks on
- Put my shoes on





I can…



- Count from 1 – 5
- Recognise each number
- Place 1 – 5 in order
- Write 1 – 5 in order



- Sing simple rhymes
- Sing and clap to a song
- Tap a beat
- Move to music



- Put my arms into my coat
- Pull my zip to the top
- Fasten my buttons



I can…

- Eat with a knife and fork
- Pour myself a drink
- Wash my hands



- Go to the toilet when I need to
- Clean myself
- Tidy away my toys



- Say please and thank you
- Take turns when playing



Once school places have been accepted, we will hold a meeting where we will talk about what is next for your children. At this meeting you will be given the school checklist, this is for you to tick off what your children already can do and what they need to still work towards.

Applying For School

- https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place

- Access the above link to apply for a school place, your children will start getting their school places in April!



Class Dojo

- Class Dojo is a platform where we award your children points for following the golden rules, creating something amazing or doing fantastic work! You can even award them yourselves.

- If you are not already on Class Dojo please let your child's cohort leader/key carer know and they will add you using your email address!



Join your child's adventure on ClassDojo!

Elite Pathway

- Elite pathway is where you will receive all your children's observations and be able to follow their learning journey. This will allow you track their development and also add your own pictures to support the statements!

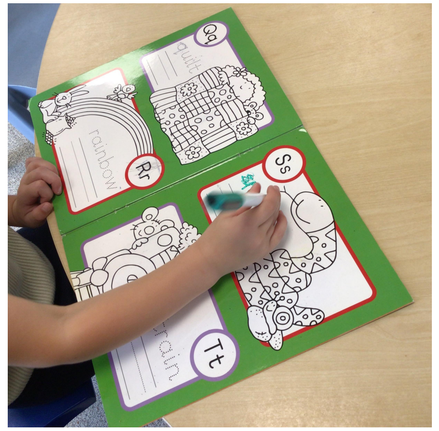
- If you cannot access your child's elite please make your cohort leader aware.

Elite Pathway

A unique journey for every child







Swimming

- In preschool the children have a very exciting opportunity and that is to go swimming! An email with all the swimming information will be sent to you prior, and it is on a first come first served basis.

Rules for swimming:

1. Be able to follow instructions
2. Be fully potty trained
3. Full piece swimsuit for girls
4. Swimming caps be worn by all children
5. Armbands to be worn at all times



30 Days Wild

In June, we will be focusing on 30 Days Wild so there will be LOTS of outdoor activities! Here is some more information:





30 Days Wild - What Do I Need To Bring?



Graduation

At the end of preschool we host graduation. This a celebration of everything your children have achieved throughout their preschool year. The children will have a chance to showcase their favourite songs and their favourite moments in preschool, to you! Graduation week starts as a fun week and we have lots of different activities, then the last day is a party and graduation.

Your children will also have the opportunity for graduation pictures in their caps and gowns and also be able to purchase a graduation tictots hoody.



Fun week:
Water fight
Picnic in the park
Farm trip
Movie day
Party and graduation

Key Songs Of Preschool Year:

- The boundary song. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSFvJbSQdA4
- Rights respecting song https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LN_70HXxd5Y
- Jolly phonic letter songs (this will go hand in hand with our letter of the week)
- Shape song (this will go with the shape of the week)

What To Look Out For:



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TICTOTS NURSERY - PRESTON STRAND ROAD

WEEK COMMENCING - 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024

What We Are Learning

'Time Flies When We're Having Fun!'

Clever Cats and Clever Kittens

This week in the Clever Cats we will be welcoming all our friends back from their summer holidays! We can't wait, it's officially preschool year! This week we will be continuing with number recognition and looking at the letter "S". We are also going to be looking at letters, and holding our pen correctly.
Book of the week: Tilda Tries Again
Song of the week: It's a Circle
Number of the week: 1
Letter of the week: S
Shape of the week: Circle
Colour of the week: Blue
Feeling of the week: Sad
Word of the week: Exciting
Right of the week: "I have the right to be listened too and taken seriously"

This week in the Clever Kittens we are going to be looking at golden rules of our new classroom! We will also be creating squares in the craft area, continuing with our shapes. The Clever Kittens will also be welcoming Helena back after her lovely holiday!!

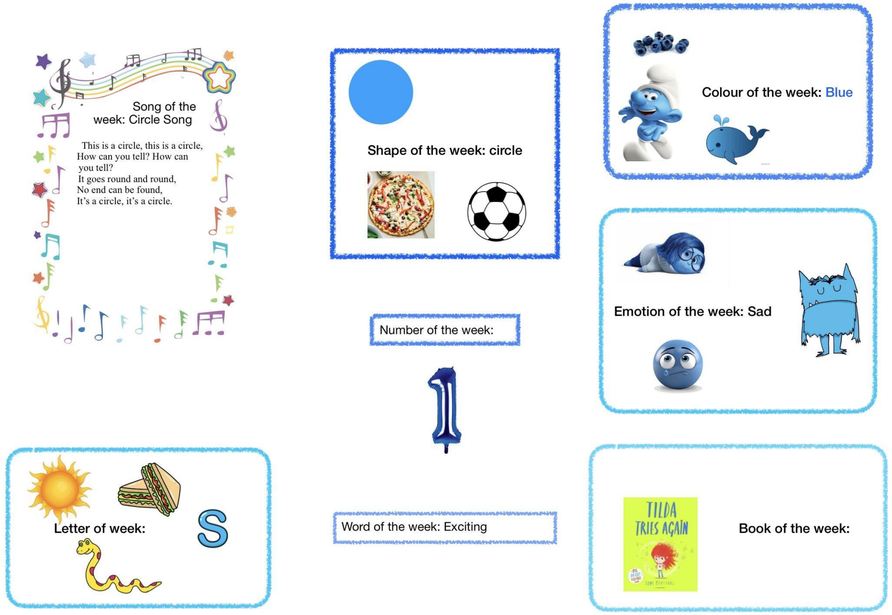
Ladybirds and Butterflies

Next week, the Butterflies and Ladybirds are going to explore the topic 'All About me'. The babies and the younger Ladybirds are going to use mirrors to look at themselves and explore what they can see. They are also going to sing nursery rhymes, like 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes...' to learn different body parts. The older children are going to create their own play dough faces, using their fine motor skills and practising manipulation and control. During this activity we will also concentrate on sharing and turn taking, using our 'please' and 'thank you'.
We are also going to look at our family pictures to learn how to recognise our 'mummy's', 'daddy's', 'siblings' and 'family pets' if they have one.

1 START OF OUR NEW TERM! Monday 9th September 2024

2 MACMILLAN EVENT Saturday 28th September 2024

Every week a "what we are learning" poster will be posted to class dojo, Facebook and on our website. Reading this will give you an insight of what is happening the following week in your child's room



Poster of the week, this will have the shape, letter, song, book, colour and emotion of the week. Look out for this on dojo and facebook!

If you have any questions about preschool please feel free to speak to your cohort leader.

Facebooks to add:
Tictots Bolton
Tictots Deborah
Tictots Dawn
TicTots Ariba

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tictotsdawn@gmail.com

tictotsariba@gmail.com

Important links:

https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place

https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

2025-2026



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Term Time

Half Term

Nursery Closed

Full Time