Brington and Whilton pre-school- May 2022

I am sorry that I cannot attend the meeting tonight but here is an overview of our pre-school year.

We have continued to keep the pre-school a nurturing, fun, happy place of learning for all of our children and their families . We have organised lots of amazing opportunities for the children to enjoy including plenty of time spent in our fantastic outside areas. Last year the children made our own seed bombs to attract more bees and butterflies to our allotment, made bird feeders from oranges. We grew delicious beans, peas, cabbages, lettuces, tomatoes, raspberries and strawberries. The children also planted bulbs in Winter and we have all enjoyed the beauty of the daffodils, snow drops and Tulips this year. Our new hammock swing has been very popular at the spinney and we have also made clay hedgehogs, sunshine potions, lots of artwork with natural resources and the children made homes for the woodland animals in the spinney. The children have explored the fields on our nature walks, watching the seasons including splashing in huge muddy puddles, freezing bubbles in Winter, bird watching, collecting lots of different colour leaves in Autumn and finding lots of new signs of Spring in the fields of Whilton village.

We have covered lots of fantastic topics this year so far including ‘Fairy tales’ and ‘People who help us’. We had special visits from a Firefighter, two police officers, Colin the postman, a nurse and a health visitor and the children absolutely loved our annual visit to Mary and Gordon’s farm to see the lambs. We finished the term with a special bus ride to Daventry Library which was very exciting as some of the children had never travelled on a bus before.

We have continued to raise money for charities and the local community including raising funds for Children in need, Comic relief, The Children’s trust, Banardo’s and for Christmas 2021 we donated new toys to Northampton general Hospital Children’s wards. The pre-school committee have continued to raise money for new resources with lots of fantastic activities including our Halloween pumpkin trail, our Christmas shopping event and our annual Easter egg hunt. We have our music sessions every other week, yoga and mindfulness sessions and the children love our Friday fitness afternoons with the children learning new skills such as ballet, dance, football, tennis and rugby.

This term is a very special one with the pre-school learning all about The Queen, the royal family, London, The Queen’s favourite things including Horses and Dogs and of course the 70th Platinum Jubilee. We have visited the stables in Whilton and next week we have a special dog coming to see us from Northampton dogs for the blind. We will finish this term with a celebratory tea party for the children and their families. Villagers are welcome.

We are looking forward to a summer term full of more fantastic activities including forest school, Brington school visits, lots of fun crafts and of course plenty of learning.

Thank you to all of the lovely villagers who have helped and supported us this year.

Take care

Patricia Dominici- manager of Brington and Whilton pre-school