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PRE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January has been a very busy month here at Oveston Pre-School and children have fully immersed themselves in our **Arctic theme**! Our Home Corner has been both an igloo and an ice cream shop, in which children have led their own learning through shivery-animal play and food-shop play. It's been a great opportunity for children to develop their role play skills and also their vocabulary around all things cold, icy, the weather, the world and a brilliant opportunity to learn new animal nouns.

Children have also shown a real interest in playing with dolls and figures this term. Thank you to everyone who has donated dolls and outfits; we have been washing their clothes and dressing them, playing with castles, cars and houses for hours! This has provided children with an opportunity to explore fairy tales and their own daily routines through play.

Our **Tuesday Forest School** sessions have matched our freezing theme as the temperatures have dropped! When we have been able to go over to the forest area, we have been learning how to saw safely, making dream catchers, decorating and learning about how the ice affects the forest. It is always such a help when parents and have carers have **clearly named all outdoor clothing** - anything we find without a name at the end of a session you will find on the table in the foyer for collection. **Please can we ask that all clothing, wellies, hats, gloves and waterproofs are named - a marker pen is fine!** We like to return things to children's pegs and it helps them with their name recognition and self-organisation that we always try to help them to practise.

Please accept our apologies for having to close for the afternoon recently. We have had an unusual month for staff absence and I want to reassure you all that the team have been covering as many shifts as possible to help us remain open and to provide wonderful Early Years childcare. I'd like to thank the team for their hard work this month and also to thank Katie, a Qualified Parent, for helping us, too. We would like you to join us in welcoming **a new Qualified Pre-School Assistant from Monday 4th February, Kerri**, who comes to us with lots of younger child experience and will be with us every day. Can I also, please, plea that if your child is unwell that you help us to keep staff and children healthy by observing **the 48 hour rule** and keep them home if they are unwell.

The final day of Term 3 is Friday 10th February when we finish for half term and re-open for Term 4 on Monday 20th February. Thank you for your continued support of our Pre-School.

Rachel Curtis

Pre-School Manager





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