



Happy New Year to everybody and welcome to playgroup all the new children starting this term.

Please could we have any outstanding photograph money or the return of any unwanted packs as soon as possible.

The theme this half term will be machines and we will be looking at different types of machines inside and outside the home.

Week 1 7th January 'In my house'

We will be looking and talking about a range of household machines discussing how they work, why we use them and the sounds they make.

Week 2 14th January 'On the road & road safety'

This week we will be playing with a range of vehicles and observing what makes them move. We will be using role play to learn about keeping safe while out on the road and on one of the days this week we are expecting a visit from a police officer to talk to the children about road safety.

Week 3 21st January 'Bob the builder'

The children will be playing with lots of construction toys and wearing hard hats this week as we use the theme of bob the builder to talk about the machines you might see on a building site.

We will also be holding our sponsored trike ride event during the sessions at the beginning of this week with money raised going to the playpark development. Children are welcome to bring their own trikes in for this on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

Week 4 28th January 'Space machines'

We will be talking about what you might see at night such as planets, stars etc and making models and pictures of things to do with space to display at playgroup and take home. We will also move like rockets shooting up into space, sing songs and listen to music about walking on the moon.

Week 5 4th February 'Chinese New year & space machines'

This week we will continue to have activities related to space and also encourage the children to think about machines they might like to control when they are older. It is Chinese New Year on 7th February and the year of 'The Rat'. We will taste Chinese food and listening to the story of the Chinese New Year and how the years were named after the different animals. Children will also get the chance to make Valentines Day cards to take home.

Playgroup closes for half term at the end of this week and re opens on Monday 18th February

We would remind you that if you have any questions or worries about your child/children or anything else please do not hesitate to talk to one of the supervisors or other member of staff.



