







Topic – Fairy tales.

<u>Week beginning</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Letter, shape and colour of the week.</u>	<u>Notes</u>
7 th January	Our new pre-school	S, a, red	
14 th January.	Goldilocks and the three bears. 	A, t blue	
21 st January	Cinderella 	T, I, green	
28 th January	Red Riding Hood 	I, p, yellow	Visit to St Thomas library on Monday morning for story time.
4 th February	3 Billy Goats Gruff 	P, n, purple	
11 th February	Each Peach Pear plum Shrove Tuesday Valentines day.	S, a, t, i, p, n pink	Please bring in your favourite book to share each day this week. Pancake making on Tuesday.

Pre- school Term Dates 2008:

Spring Term Monday 7th January 2- Friday 4th April

Half Term Monday 18th- Friday 22nd February,

NB **Good Friday** 21st March and **Easter Monday** 24th March - Closed

Summer Term Monday 21st April – Friday 18th July

Half Term Monday 26th – Friday 30th May - Closed

Autumn term 3^d September - 16th December to be confirmed



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had an enjoyable break and are ready to go again with another fun half term at pre-school! Our topic this term is fairy tales and you can see from the reverse that we have lots of fun activities planned. We especially welcome Finley, Savannah, Julie, Callum, Alex, Raghav and their families who will be joining us this half term. We hope you will soon feel at home with us!

New Premises

After a very busy Christmas break we are now moved into the Parish Hall. We are very excited by the vastly improved facilities for all of us including more play space, improved toilet facilities, parent lobby, staff room and kitchenette. A special thank you to the parents who helped us move and to Exwick Community Church who have completely redecorated the hall for us! As we seek to iron out any last minute details please talk to us if you have any concerns or issues or just let us know what we are getting right. The comments and suggestions book is available in the new parent lobby if you prefer. If you are the first person to arrive at the beginning or end of a session please ring the bell and we will open the door to let you into the lobby.

Parent Helpers

We always welcome parents to join us for a session at pre-school. We are focussing on music this term so if you play an instrument and would be willing to share it with the children please let us know. We hope to have a visit from our community support police officer with his bag pipes later in the term! We are also going to be working on improving the outdoor play area so if you have any ideas or would like to help please let us know. We have already discovered a parent with playground painting experience!

Parent Forum.

We are very fortunate at The Exwick Ark to have a fantastic group of parents who organise social and support events for our families and also provide feedback to the staff on the service we provide. If you feel that you would like to support your child's pre-school in this way please speak to a member of the parent forum or staff who can give you more information. The parent forum meet once each half term. Dates and names of the group are on the notice board.

Uniform

We have a stock of sweatshirts and polo shirts available priced at £8 and £5 each. We also have Exwick Ark book bags available at £3.00.

Parent library

We have a selection of parenting books available in a box in the lobby for you to borrow. Please write the title you have borrowed on your child's page in the library book and remember to return it when you have finished. If you have any books you have found useful but no longer need please consider donating them to our stock to help other parents. We will soon have some Pre-school age Videos for you to borrow on the same basis, including Tots TV which has a French speaking character in it.

We look forward to another enjoyable term working with you and your child.

Harri Sharp and Paula Stone, Managers of The Exwick Ark