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# The British Preparatory School

## PRE-SCHOOL 1

It's lovely to see all the children settling in so well and there are now a lot more smiles and less cries! All the children are starting to become familiar with the classroom and the routine as well as their teachers. Most of the children have now realised that they can have fun at school and that it's an environment where they can explore many new activities.

Our current topic is 'Nursery Rhymes'. Every week we are focusing on a different nursery rhyme, by singing the song repeatedly, doing artwork based around the rhyme and also incorporating the rhyme into our messy play activities.

All the children love messy play activities. Here we are playing with shaving foam and flour. We use many different utensils (including cars to make track marks) and spread it all around the table and normally all over the floor!



Another favourite time of the day for the children is snack time. We encourage the children to wash and dry their hands and to independently get their bags from their cubbies. Some of the children can open their snacks themselves, which is very impressive for their age. We are also encouraging all the children to eat independently although staff are always there for a helping hand.

After snack time we start circle time. All the children have to sit on chairs in a small circle. This is where we work together as a group. We concentrate on our colours, shapes and animal names, along with lots of songs for children to sing along to. This is good practice for their language development.



In the classroom we have a very wide range of resources. Different activities are set out each day from which the children can choose. Staff are there to encourage them to make their selection and to show them how they can play with them rather than just throwing them on the floor or chewing them! Outside there are many different climbing frames, cars and tricycles. These are all designed to build up their confidence and strengthen their gross motor skills. In addition, ring games and running races are organised by the staff.



We have a few children that have started potty training or that are already potty trained. Well done to all those children, all of the teachers are very proud! Please do let us know when you start potty training your child at home so that we follow your system/method and use the same terminology.

We encourage all the children to not bring toys from home into school as they could get lost or broken, causing great distress to the child. Saying that, if your child has a particular book they want to bring in, we can read it during the school day and it will then be returned the same day.

Below are two nursery rhymes that we are focusing on in the classroom, please encourage your child to sing them at home as this would benefit them greatly.

### **Incy Wincy Spider**

Incy Wincy Spider climbed up the water spout  
Down came the rain and washed the spider out  
Out came the sunshine and dried up all the rain,  
and Incy Wincy Spider climbed up the spout again.



### **Open Shut Them**

Open, shut them, open, shut them  
Give a little clap (clap, clap, clap)  
Open, shut them, open, shut them  
Pat them on your lap (pat, pat, pat)  
Creep them, creep them, creep them  
Right up to your chin  
Open up your little mouth . . .  
**BUT DO NOT PUT THEM IN!**



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