



February/March Newsletter Term 4

Welcome to our new families that are joining us at Scotter Preschool. This term we have a lot of fun days planned. We will be celebrating St. David's Day 1st March, St Patrick's Day 17th March, Easter, Red Nose Day and Mother's Day. This is a very busy half term.

TERM 4 & 5

Term 4 - Closes for Easter Holiday
Wednesday 31st March,

Term 5 - Opens on Monday 19th
April.

Our starting point will be "New life and Spring".. The children will be observing seasonal changes, new life in plants, flowers and trees.

BREAKFAST CLUB We have a few vacancies for breakfast club on select mornings. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Bennett or myself for details. The cost is £4 per morning.

Breakfast club is open Monday to Friday 7.30 – 9.00

All children are provided with breakfast and a drink and have the choice of toys, crafts, games and other resources.

STAFF TRAINING The daily experience of children in early year's setting and the overall quality of provision depends on all practitioners having appropriate qualifications, training, skills and knowledge and a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities. Continuous Professional Development promotes quality, and this is very important to us. Staff are following the 6 year pathway for Safeguarding, 7 members of staff have completed the First Call speech, language and communication course, which helps with early intervention and Louise has just completed Paediatric First Aid.

World Book Day – **Thursday 5th March** is "World Book Day", if your child would like to come dressed up and bring in their favourite book, we will enjoy all the lovely stories together. World book day celebrates authors, illustration and most of all reading.

BRITISH VALUES

Britain has undergone rapid economic and social change in the last few decades and we live in an increasingly diverse society. We need to teach our children that it is possible to live together peacefully, each of them a valuable part of our multicultural world.

Here are some examples of British Values:

- We teach children to be kind, helpful and respectful of others.
- We teach children to be part of their local community.
- We plan to celebrate festivals and mark special days from the world around us.
- We teach the children about compromise – that some of us believe one thing... some of us believe something totally different... but we can all play together in the same house (or group setting) and respect each other = British values – teaching about similarities and differences.
- We teach children to work together – we provide them with activities that involve everyone in the provision, and we plan group times, where children learn to listen, take turns and value contributions from others. This type of planning is a very important part of British values = teaching about shared values and working together towards a common goal.
- We teach children about the world in which they live – the world on their doorstep and the wider world – through books, posters, planned activities, resources, outings and much more.

Friday Club – We will be focussing on Initial sounds. Learning to tell sounds apart is a key literacy skill in the Early Years and first step in being able to read and write. It links oral language to written language.



WOW BOARD

This is for you as Parents and Carers to share those special moments and new experiences you have with your children. These can be swimming achievements, potty training, counting to 5 or 10, or even painting a picture. We will celebrate achievements with the children in circle time. If you have any WOW moments, please email them to preschool and they can be printed and put in your child's Special Book.

Red Nose Day has teamed up with CBeebies JoJo and Gran Gran to bring some sunshine to our celebrations. It is going to be a carnival theme on March 19th

The children can wear their most colourful clothes to join in with the fun

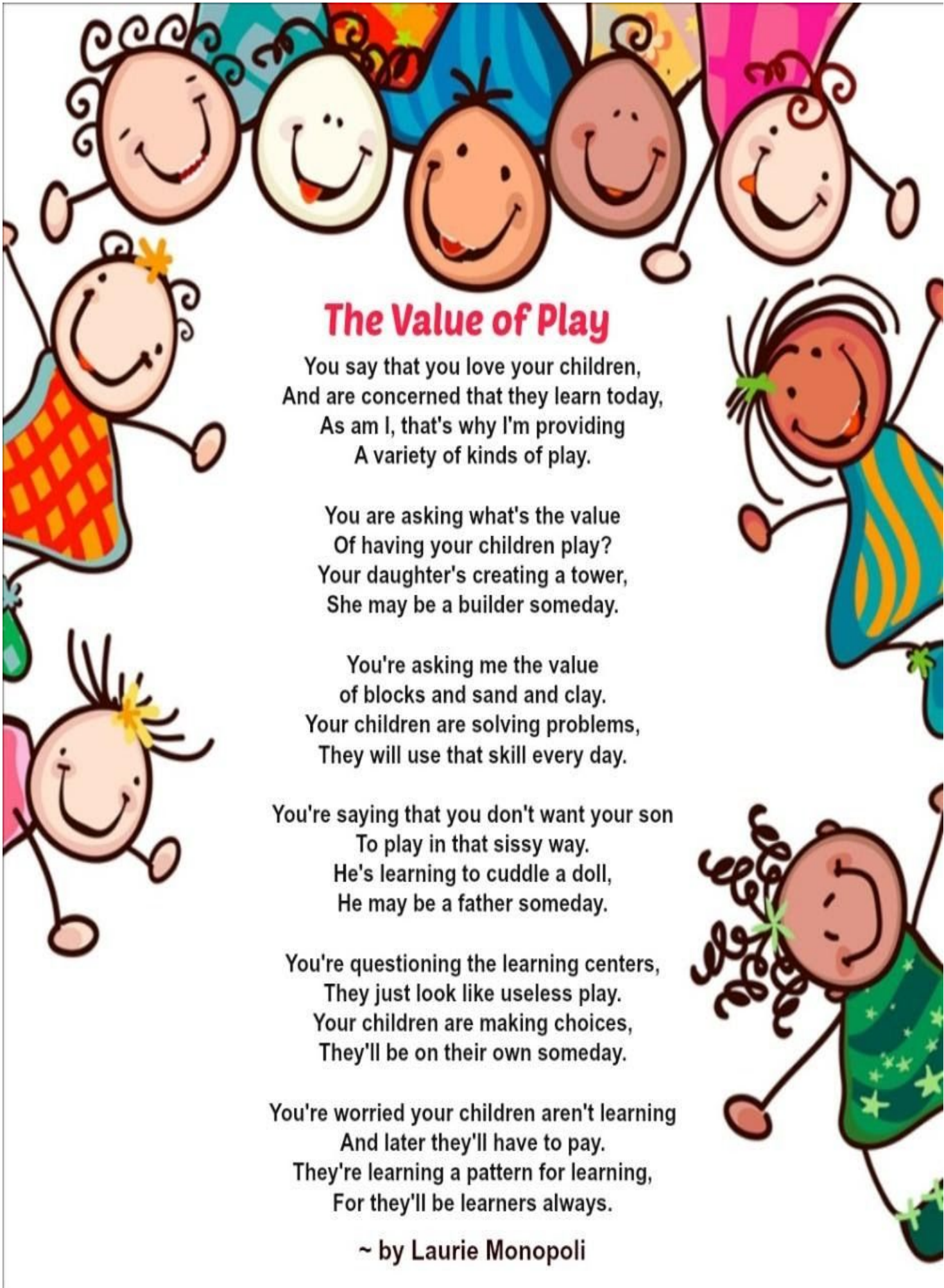
We will be focussing on Independence with all the children, this gives the children a sense of importance and belonging, which is essential for building social relationships. It also develops their levels of self-awareness and sensitivity towards others which teaches them to help those around them. Independence also promotes self esteem and confidence..

Please can you support us by working on this at home.

Please read the poem on the following page

Thank you for all your continued support

Louise and all the staff



The Value of Play

You say that you love your children,
And are concerned that they learn today,
As am I, that's why I'm providing
A variety of kinds of play.

You are asking what's the value
Of having your children play?
Your daughter's creating a tower,
She may be a builder someday.

You're asking me the value
Of blocks and sand and clay.
Your children are solving problems,
They will use that skill every day.

You're saying that you don't want your son
To play in that sissy way.
He's learning to cuddle a doll,
He may be a father someday.

You're questioning the learning centers,
They just look like useless play.
Your children are making choices,
They'll be on their own someday.

You're worried your children aren't learning
And later they'll have to pay.
They're learning a pattern for learning,
For they'll be learners always.

~ by Laurie Monopoli

