

My day at pre-school by Ronnie Woods.



Today is Thursday, YAY it's a pre-school day! I love to wear my Cuckoo Meadow uniform as it makes me feel special. Mummy helps me to get the jumper over my head but I can pull my arms through all by myself. I help Mummy prepare my packed lunch box. We have put in a sandwich (my favourite is ham), a pot of cucumber and tomatoes, a pot of blueberries, a yoghurt, and then some little pieces of malt loaf cake as my pudding, yum, I CAN'T WAIT!!!



I need to go in the car to get to pre-school but it's only a quick journey from near Sainsbury's at Hatch Warren. When we arrive, I hold Mummy's hand carefully when we walk through the car park. We then stand in line until Mrs Cotterell comes outside, takes my temperature and squeezes some special gel onto my hands. This is to keep me safe from any germs. I can't wait to go inside! I am good at finding my name and putting it on the registration board and doing my other jobs like putting my water bottle in the basket and lunch box on the shelf. Then I can play, YAY!!!



When all my friends arrive for the day, we have lots of things to play with - there's the home corner with a pretend kitchen, lots of cool cars, Duplo bricks to make very tall towers, play dough, the paint easel and my favourite activity - the craft table. I can't wait to see what we are making today. This week we are learning all about the rhyme Hickory Dickory Dock. Yesterday I made a mouse! Mrs Harman said my mouse was "AWESOME AND FLUFFY." I coloured my mouse like a rainbow. I tried very hard to tell Mrs



Harman all the different colours that I used, last year I only knew red and green, now I know LOADS! We are making our own clocks today and I'm going to do lots of colouring to make it look cool. I know all the numbers from one to twelve on my clock and Mrs Cotterell is very pleased with me.



I hope my friend Ruman is at pre-school today, he lives in the village where my pre-school is and walks to school every day. I love to play football with him on the meadow. Sometimes we have running races and we both run really, really fast. When we go outside to play today Mrs Chilvers has drawn a big clock on the playground with chalk, we sing Hickory Dickory Dock and pretend to be little mice and run up the clock and then when the clock strikes one, we all run down again. We did this lots of times yesterday and we really GIGGLED when Mrs Chilvers was a mouse! Today when I was running really fast, I fell over, I hurt my knee, and there was blood. But Mrs Harman told me I was very brave as she put a cold compress on my knee to make it all better.

Half way through the morning we have our snack. I know when it's snack time because we have a special cuckoo clock in the room. The cuckoo comes out and says "cuckoo" ten times, we all count to ten and then shout "IT'S SNACK TIME!!!" I wonder what we will have today for snack. My favourite is toast with honey, but I also like the crunchy bread sticks and special cut up fruit. Last week we even had fish fingers, they were yummy!! We must try for the toilet and wash our hands before snack time, I always try to get to the front of the line so I can be first! I can go to the toilet and wipe my bottom all by myself. (I made a smelly poo today!) When I sit down at the snack table, I can choose my favourite colour cup for my milk, my favourite colour is red. Ruman likes to have his water bottle with his snack instead. His favourite colour is blue.

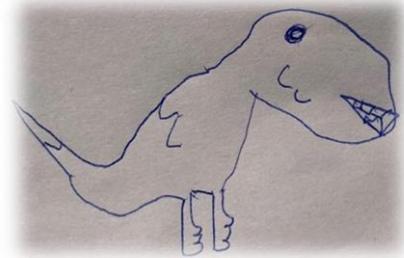


After snack time, Mrs Andrews takes us out onto the meadow and we do our Yoga. If it's raining, we do it inside. This is lots of fun and we all end up giggling. We take our shoes and socks off, which I can do all by myself now, then we feel the grass in our toes, it feels very TICKLY! Every day we take it in turns to choose different shapes to get our bodies into. Sometimes we do different animal shapes like a cat pose or sometimes we try to do a tree pose on one leg, some of my friends are a bit wobbly doing this, but Mrs Andrews said my balance is getting much better.





We all go inside to help tidy up before show and tell. I LOVE show and tell. We learn about the weather, days of the week, and do our letters and sounds. In the morning Daddy and me race about the house looking for something to take in to pre-school. Every week

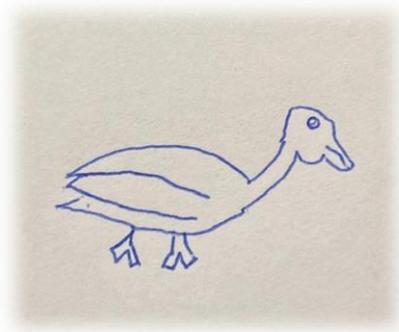


it's a different letter and we can bring something from home which starts with that letter. This week it's the letter T and I have already brought in a Tomato. Today I brought in my special T Rex dinosaur whose eyes light up and make a noise. I stand in front of my friends next to Mrs Cotterell and tell them all about it. Every body wants to

have a go to make it roar. I then put him safely in my tray so I remember to take him home. Today is Ruman's birthday, he is four, I am already four. So, we get the special cake out which has REAL candles on it. Mrs Harman tells us about being safe when matches are around. Then we sing HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Ruman and he blows them out in one big breath! When the cuckoo comes out again, we count to twelve and we know this is lunchtime. Some of my friends go home at lunchtime, but I stay all day 'cos I'm BIG now.



At lunchtime, we have to wash our hands again. I then get my lunch box on the shelf and find a place to sit, oh and I must remember to get my water bottle too! I can unpack my lunch box all by myself, first I eat my yummy sandwiches, then my tomatoes and cucumber, yoghurt and fruit. Mrs Chilvers says if I have finished all those things, then I am allowed my pudding, YAY! Today Ruman has got a wrap thing, it looks like a big sausage roll with yummy stuff inside. It's massive! I am going to ask Mummy if I can have one too. When I have finished my lunch, I put everything back in my lunchbox, I can even zip it up now. I put my lunchbox back on the shelf and then wash my hands AGAIN!!! 'Cos I finished my lunch quickly, I am allowed to choose my favourite book 'Dinosaurs love underpants' from the book corner and sit on the mat. When everybody's finished their lunch, I put my book back, we then get to choose what activities and toys we want to play with in the afternoon. Today it was my turn, I asked for the paw patrol stuff. My friend Chloe asked for the Peppa Pig toys, it was great fun.



Today we are going for a walk around the village and down to the duck pond. The teachers have some pictures of the bus stop, the church, the shop, a funny looking sign post with lots of letters on it and we have to tell them when we see these things on our walk. The teachers take an ipad to take photos of us, they do this at pre-school too and then they send it to our mummies and daddies to show them what we have been learning about.

We hold hands and have to listen very carefully to our teachers when we go out. We sit on the bench at the pond and count the ducks, there were thirteen. That's a big number, I can even count to twenty! The ducks were putting their heads in the water looking for food. They had their bottoms in the air, it made us GIGGLE!! Some of the people in the village said hello and one old lady said how well behaved we were. On the way back from the walk, Mrs Andrews said because we were so good, we were allowed to play in the park for a bit. YAYYYYYYYYYY!!!!!! I can go up the ladder onto the wobbly bridge all by myself now.



When we get back to pre-school, it's story time. Mrs Harman gets out a big sack from the cupboard. Inside are lots of animals, all the children get very excited. We all get an animal and listen to the story called 'Dear Zoo.' I get the lion today. He is sent back to the zoo 'cos he's too fierce, Mrs Harman said that means a bit scary. I can make a scary roar like a lion. I send him back to the zoo when it's my turn. We just have time to sing hickory dickory dock and our home time song before we get our coats on. At pre-school we have a very special way of learning to put our coats on, last year I found it a bit tricky 'cos I was little, now I am big and four I can do it easily. The cuckoo comes out again at three o'clock and we all shout "home time!" Mrs Cotterell opens the door to see whose mummy or daddy is first. I show my mummy my brave boy sticker and mummy signs the accident form. I also show mummy my clock that I made and she says "I'm very proud of you and that's amazing!"

The teachers said we have some special visitors coming tomorrow. I am so excited. Last year there were some rangers with creepy crawlies, I wonder if they're coming back or if it might be the owl man or maybe it might be the music lady with all her different instruments, or the man who showed us how to play rugby. I can't wait until tomorrow. I LOVE my pre-school!

