

# Seaton House Nursery newsletter.

Week beginning: 3/10/16.

## What we have been doing this week:

Scooter training this week was lots of fun and the children have hopefully learnt some new skills. We looked at the parts of the scooter, being safe on our scooters, moving with skill and crossing a road safely. Next week we will continue to develop these skills in the garden using the bikes and scooters at Nursery.

On Monday we enjoyed looking at baby photographs and sharing them in small groups. We have been thinking about what babies can do and how we have changed as we have grown up. The children enjoyed looking at photographs of Mrs. McGreevy as a baby, toddler and adult (yes, I really was a baby once!) We have sent home a fun quiz to see if you and your child can guess who is which baby (the sheet is in your child's bookbag). In circle time the children have been sorting objects in terms of who they belong to: baby, child or adult. We have also been exploring sorting with other objects to develop an understanding of sorting by a given criteria. We have set up a greengrocer this week using real fruit and vegetables. The children explored the vegetables and named them and we then used them in our shop. We have been using balance scales to develop the concept of heavier and lighter. The children have also reinforced this with larger balance scales outside. In the greengrocers shop the children have also been writing shopping lists, taking on a role in group play and using coins to count out small sets to pay for their shopping. We have also had a lot of fun! In our language groups this week we have been encouraging good attention and listening skills.

Outside this week we have been exploring different ways of moving and using the egg timers to measure a minute and see what we can do in that time. We have also set up a car wash role play outside to extend the children's interest in water play and encourage more mark making.

## What we have planned:

Next week we will be encouraging the children to think about what they would like to be when they grow up. We will be reading a variety of stories about growing up together with looking at information books about occupations. We are very lucky to have Sapna's Daddy coming to talk to us about being a doctor and Martha's Mummy coming to talk about being a dentist. The children will be sharing their ideas in small groups, drawing pictures of themselves and using the dressing up resources to dress up as what they would like to be when they grow up. We will continue to develop the greengrocers shop next week and use the role play to reinforce number recognition, encourage accurate counting out of coins to make small sets and adding 2 small sets to find the total.

Outside next week we will be exploring natural materials such as pine cones, shells and conkers. We will use the resources to reinforce heavier and lighter with those needing further support. We will also be sorting the materials into sets and using the resources to create pictures and patterns. To extend our role play outside and follow up our scooter training last week we will be setting up courses for the children to follow in order to achieve their driving license. We will also be learning our harvest songs ready to perform at our harvest assembly.

## Dates

Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct: We will be having a visit from parents to talk about their jobs as a doctor and dentist.

**17<sup>th</sup> October:** Nursery Harvest celebration 9/9.15am

**18<sup>th</sup> October:** Nursery Harvest celebration 9/9.15am

**20<sup>th</sup> October:** Sutton Library are coming to visit the Nursery and share stories and rhymes.

**21<sup>st</sup> October:** last day of the half term.

**16<sup>th</sup> November:** Week of Nursery parent meetings (all children). A letter will come home nearer the time, for you to select a time slot.

## October Birthdays!

Happy birthday to:



Jessica 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

Have a lovely day.

## Ideas to try at home.

Ideas are available in the studio along with math and literacy games and library books. However, we have been made aware that some parents are not able to come in and select games and activities so we will be sending home a game each week with your child along with their library book.

### Additional ideas to try at home:

We have been comparing objects in terms of weight.

- At home explore this further. Select an object and then ask your child to find something that is heavier and then something that is lighter. Encourage your child to use their hands as a balance so that they can feel the weights and compare them.
- Find 3 objects and order them in terms of weight.

We have been exploring fruit and vegetables this week and naming them. Visit the greengrocers or section in the supermarket. Can you find an aubergine, leeks, courgette, sweet potato, mango, guava, tangerine, celery?

Talk about where each of the fruit and vegetables you find grow. Is it in a tree, bush or under the ground?

Encourage your child to make a shopping list and then go and buy the items.

Use tins from your cupboard and put numbers on them. Encourage your child to count out 1p coins to pay for each item. Encourage them to count carefully and stop when they reach the number that has been requested.



## Show and tell.



We have a show and tell session every Friday morning. The children are welcome to bring something to share.

We understand that sometimes children need a familiar object to bring to Nursery and if they bring toys on other days we ask them to place them in our red box. The children understand that they are not to play with their toys at Nursery but they can keep them safe in our box.

## Library books and games.

We hope you enjoyed sharing your child's library book and game. Every Thursday we have a carpet time to select a new book and game with the children. These will always be sent home on a Friday. Please return these to Nursery each week by placing them back in the studio.

Thank you

