

# Seaton House Nursery newsletter.

Week beginning: 17/10/16.

## What we have been doing this week:

This week we have been thinking about harvest and linking this to keeping healthy. We have been exploring a variety of fruit and vegetables, describing them and sorting them into groups. The children have also done some observational drawings of the fruit and vegetables. The focus for this activity was to develop good pencil control, representational skills and encouraging the children to look closely at objects and record what they can see. On Monday and Tuesday we used the IWB to find out about the work of the artist Arcimboldo, who created some great pictures using fruit and vegetables. More information can be found on the following website: <http://www.giuseppe-arcimboldo.org/> The pictures are wonderful and these are displayed in the classroom. We have read the story of 'The Healthy Wolf' and used this to encourage discussions about being healthy and the importance of eating healthily. The children have also created some collages of pictures of foods cut from magazines that they have sorted into healthy and unhealthy. Outside this week we have been playing games to reinforce number recognition and ordering of numbers. We used the 100 square to look at the patterns of numbers beyond 20. We also followed this up on Thursday when we walked to the woods. The children hunted for numbers as we walked along and were very good at identifying them. Once we got to the woods we had some hot chocolate and a biscuit before hunting for natural materials. This gave us a great opportunity to reinforce all the mathematical language we have introduced to compare sizes.

## What we have planned:

Next week we will be sharing our harvest songs with you on Monday and Tuesday. We aim to start as soon after 9am as possible and the songs will last for approximately 20 minutes. **Parents are welcome to go upstairs and take a seat after they have dropped off their child. After the assembly parents who are staying for the phonic workshop will be able to have a cup of tea/coffee and biscuit while we talk about the development of phonic skills.**

The children will be exploring a variety of sensory activities inside and outside next week. Outside the children will be creating their own obstacle courses and we will use this as an opportunity to reinforce positional language as they children move around the course. Inside we will be encouraging the children to use the book corner and share stories. In the home corner we will be encouraging the children to share ideas and work together. We will also be encouraging them to use the writing materials as part of their role play. On Thursday we have a visit from Sutton Library and the children will be coming home with a book pack from the library.

## Dates

**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 has come home in your child's book bag regarding dates and times.

## October Birthdays!

Happy birthday to:



Jessica 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Please make sure that your child has a coat at Nursery every day. We make use of our outside area each day and it is starting to get chilly.**

**Signed contracts for Reception places must be returned to the office by 12noon on the first day back after half term. If you would like to send this via the Nursery we will need to receive it by the last day of term. Alternatively parents are asked to take the forms directly to the office.**

### **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:**

- Make a map of your route to school or to the shops.
- Hide a teddy inside or outside and give clues to help your partner find it. Encourage the use of positional language.
- Visit the park and use the large equipment. Reinforce preposition: in, on, under, through, in front, behind.
- Explore a variety of objects and sort them into hard and soft, rough and smooth.
- Go on an autumn walk and collect leaves. Can you sort them into groups by shape or colour? Can you put them in order of size?

### **Show and tell.**



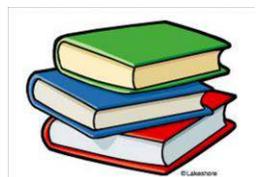
We have a show and tell session every Friday morning. The children are welcome to bring something to share.

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



**Have a wonderful half term. We look forward to seeing you in two weeks.**