

# Seaton House Nursery newsletter.

Week beginning: 10/10/16.

## What we have been doing this week:

This week we have been thinking about what we would like to be when we grow up. We have been reading a variety of stories about growing up as well as finding out information about different occupations in non fiction books. We have also been very lucky to have visits from Martha's Mummy to talk about being a dentist and Sapna's Daddy to tell us about his work as a doctor. We talked about a variety of jobs and discussed in small groups what we would like to do when we are a grown up. The children enjoyed dressing up as their future self and created some lovely pictures of what they will look like. We are using these to make a class book. We have continued working in our greengrocers this week to reinforce the concept of heavier and lighter. The children have also been using coins to make sets and add 2 small amounts to find the total. Outside the children have been exploring natural materials such as pine cones, shells and conkers and using these to make pictures and patterns. We have also used these resources to developing an understanding of sorting of objects and the different criteria we can use for sorting. The children enjoyed using the bikes and scooters to do their driving test this week. We set up an obstacle course and developed on the skills we introduced in our scooter training. We are pleased to report that all of the children passed their driving test and received their driving license.

## What we have planned:

Next week we are going to be thinking about harvest. We will be exploring a variety of fruit and vegetables and describing them. The children will be doing some observational drawings of the fruit and vegetables. We will be focusing on developing good pencil control, representational skills and encouraging the children to look closely at objects and record what they can see. We will be looking at the work of Arcimboldo, who created some great pictures using fruit and vegetables. More information can be found on the following website: <http://www.giuseppe-arcimboldo.org/>

We will be talking about being healthy and the importance of eating healthily. The children will be cutting out pictures of foods from magazines and sorting them into healthy and unhealthy.

Outside we will be creating maps, playing listening and responding games and doing a variety of activities to encourage number recognition 1-10/20/20+. On Thursday we plan to take the children on a local trip to look for signs of autumn. We will walk to the woods and collect leaves, conkers and twigs. This will also give us the opportunity to reinforce all of the mathematical language we have been exploring to compare sizes.

## Dates

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

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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.

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.

Please send in any food magazines you have at home. We will be looking through these next week, cutting out pictures and sorting them into healthy and unhealthy.



### 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:

- This week we have been counting out small sets of coins and adding the together. The children could continue to do this at home. With a partner they could roll a dice and count out that number of objects. Their partner then does the same. These sets could be compared to see who has more or less. Encourage your child to see how many you have altogether by adding the 2 sets together and recounting them.
- Sorting: collect a variety of objects and talk to your child about how they could be sorted: colour, what they are made of, how they are used etc.
- Encourage your child to make simple representations. Maybe they could draw a picture of their favourite toy to bring in and show.

### Show and tell.



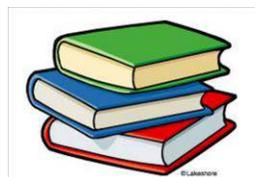
We have a show and tell session every Friday morning. The children are welcome to bring something to share.

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



**Please return the permission slip for local trips as soon as possible.**