

Seaton House Nursery newsletter.

Half term week

What we have been doing this week:

This week we have had a busy week. We hope you enjoyed our harvest assembly on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you to all those who came to the phonic workshops, I hope that you found it useful. If you were unable to attend a pack has come home in your child's bookbag. I have also sent home some ideas to support oral blending and segmenting as promised. Outside this week we have been exploring our nature garden. The children have been making mixtures outside by collecting natural resources from around the garden. In our mathematics session this week we have been reinforcing number recognition 1-20 and encouraging the children to spot missing numbers from the number line. We have also been reinforcing counting and encouraging the children to count on from a given number until they reach 10. We have been encouraging the children to work with others in the role play area and share ideas. We have also provided lots of opportunities to use writing as part of role play.

On Thursday we had a visit from Sutton Library. We had a lovely session of songs, rhymes and stories and the children had a wonderful time. Sutton Library has events planned for over the half term break so please visit their website.

What we have planned:

Next half term we will be thinking about celebrations and festivals. We will be thinking about the different festivals and events we celebrate with our families. A copy of our topic web for next half term has been sent home in your child's bookbag. Below is a flavour of what we have planned for after half term:

Week	Focus
1	Talking about Diwali and how it is celebrated. We will read and retell the story of Rama and Sita. We will explore repeating patterns and use a variety of materials to make these. We will talk about fireworks and use this to explore colour mixing and changing sounds.
2	The children will be designing and making rockets with junk and construction resources. We will be encouraging them to talk through their ideas and adapt these when needed. We will be exploring 2D shapes and using them to create pictures and patterns. The children will be acting out and sequencing the story 'Whatever Next'.
3	Celebrations and parties. We will be planning a party and thinking about what we need. The children will be writing invitations, cards and lists of food. We will be wrapping presents and using this to reinforce size and introduce 3D shape.
4	Talking about the variety of things we celebrate: weddings, Christenings etc. We will be looking at photographs and talking about special events. Please send in a photograph for your child to share (Wedding, birthday, Christening etc). We will be exploring ICT resources and finding out what they do and how they work. The children will also be writing letters home with their Christmas list!
5 and 6	We will be making decorations for Christmas, planning our Christmas party, having a drama show and putting on our Christmas play

Alongside these activities we will have circle times, language groups, phonic and math carpet sessions, Nature garden and story group.

Each week we will send home more information about our weekly events on our newsletter

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 and wet.



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



Dates

Wednesday 9 th Nov:	Individual photographs at the main school. Please ensure children are dressed in full uniform.
Tuesday 8 th -Friday 11 th Nov	A talk about the celebration of Diwali Parent meetings. These are in 10 minute slots. Parents are invited to take away their child's learning journey to share with their child at home. If further discussion is needed we will make a follow up meeting.
Saturday 26 th Nov	POSH Bazaar
Wednesday 7 th December	Play for Nursery and Reception (The Gingerbread Man)
Friday 9 th December	Nursery Christmas show (Please note that this is a change to the original calendar which identified 2 dates (Thurs and Fri). We have decided to do one performance on the Friday and this will be in the hall so that we have lots of space.
Wednesday 14 th December	Nursery Christmas Party. We have booked an entertainer for the party (Joe Jangles). The children should come dressed in their party outfits for the morning. <u>The Nursery will be closed until 9.30am on the day of the party. All children should come to Nursery at 9.30am.</u>

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