

# Seaton House Nursery newsletter.

Week beginning: 14/11/16.

## What we have been doing this week:

This week we have been talking about fireworks and learning about the celebration of Diwali. We used the IWB to look at firework displays and talked about the colours and sounds we could see and hear. The children used talking tins to record their firework sounds and play them back to each other. We have been exploring colour mixing using coloured water and paint. We have been finding out how colours change and creating new colours. Outside this week we have been investigating coloured ice and watching as the colours mix when the ice melts. On Tuesday some Minions and Angry Birds became trapped in large ice blocks and the children worked together to help them escape! The children came up with some fantastic ideas and demonstrated some great problem solving skills. We have also been exploring how we could paint if we ran out of paint brushes. The children had some very creative ideas and enjoyed exploring the resources to see which tools worked best. In the nature garden this week the children have been looking at natural materials and using clay to create some minibeasts. This week and next week the children will be making their Christmas cakes. These will be the focus over the next few weeks as the children ice and decorate them. This week we were very lucky to have a visit from Sapna's Mummy who came to tell us about the celebration of Diwali. It is fantastic to hear how families celebrate different festivals and look at objects they use to help them celebrate.

## What we have planned:

Next week we will be reading the story 'Whatever Next'. We will be acting out the story in small groups using props and the children will be sequencing pictures to retell the story. The children will be creating their own rockets to go into space and thinking about what they will need to include on their rocket. We will also be creating rockets using the construction toys and the children will display these with a label. While the children are building we will encourage them to talk about the shapes they have used. We will be reinforcing the names and properties of 2D shapes next week. We will be using straws to create 2D shapes and finding out how many sticks we need to make each shape. Outside the children will be going on a shape hunt and sorting shapes according to their properties. We will also be working in teams to build dens and write signs to go on them.

Alongside these activities we will have our weekly phonic activities, math work, circle times and language groups.

## Dates

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
(Jangles).

Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> Nov

POSH Bazaar

Play for Nursery and Reception (The Gingerbread Man)

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.

Nursery Christmas Party. We have booked an entertainer for the party (Joe

**Nursery is closed until 9.30am on the day of the party. All children should come to Nursery at 9.30am.**

Please send in a photograph for your child to share (Wedding, birthday,

## November Birthdays!

Happy birthday to:



Emma 18<sup>th</sup> Nov

Have a lovely day.

Please send in junk next week as we will be needing lots for our model making.  
Thank you



### 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:

- The week we have been creating repeating patterns using beads. Select a variety of objects at home to use to create a repeat pattern (e.g. spoon, fork, spoon, fork)
- Next week we will be exploring 2D shapes and their properties. Hunt for shapes in the environment. Keep a tally chart of how many circles, triangles, squares and rectangles you see. Which do you see most of?
- Reinforce the properties of shape (corners, sides, curved, straight, long and short)
- How many different types of triangle can you find in your house?
- Talk about a celebration you enjoy as a family. What do you do to celebrate?

### 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.

### Head Lice.

Unfortunately head lice spread very quickly amongst young children. It is really important that all parents check their child's hair regularly. It only takes one egg to be left in the hair and the whole cycle can start again. A quick weekly check is ideal.



**POSH are collecting clean soft toys next week for the Christmas Bazaar. Please send donations in to Nursery.**