

# Seaton House Nursery newsletter.

Week beginning: 21/11/16.

## What we have been doing this week:

This week we have been reading the story 'Whatever Next'. The children have used props to act out the story and sequence the events. Some of the children have also created books to retell the story. The children have used junk materials and construction to create their own rocket ship to go into space. This was a lovely opportunity to encourage them to share their ideas and explain their thinking. Outside this week we have been doing lots of activities to reinforce 2D shapes. We have been hunting for shapes and sorting them by looking at their properties. We developed this further by using lolly sticks to create the 2D shapes, reinforcing the 'sides' and 'corners'. This was also a great opportunity to encourage problem solving skills. In phonics this week we have been reinforcing oral blending and segmenting of sounds. Please keep reinforcing this at home as it will really help when we introduce the letter sounds. The children have been problem solving outside, creating a den as a group. This involved lots of negotiation, co-operation and sharing of ideas.

## What we have planned:

Next week we will be talking about celebrations and how we celebrate. The children will be looking at items that are used in celebrations and sharing photographs of themselves celebrating at family events (**please send these in on Monday**). In the home corner we will be setting up ready for a party with the toys. The children will be writing lists of party food, looking in recipe books and making food with the playdough, using the tools. We will encourage the children to make birthday cards and think carefully about the picture they will add to the front of their card. The children enjoyed using the junk materials and construction resources this week so we will continue to develop this next week. This is a great opportunity to develop problem solving and encourage the children to share ideas. In mathematics next week we will be sorting shapes, naming 3D shapes and using them to create models. Outside next week we will be hunting for 3D shapes in the environment. The children will also be playing games to reinforce positional language and using it to describe their relative position.

**Clarification of date: The drama workshop for Nursery and Reception is booked for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Sorry for any confusion.**

## 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

POSH Bazaar  
Play for Nursery and Reception (The Gingerbread Man)  
Nursery Christmas show in the main school hall..  
Nursery Christmas Party. We have booked an entertainer for the party (Joe Jangles).

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

Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> Nov .  
birthday,

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

**A letter has come home regarding important dates for this half term.**

## November Birthdays!

Happy birthday to:



Emma 18<sup>th</sup> Nov

Have a lovely day.

**Please send in a photograph of your child celebrating. This could be a birthday, Christmas, wedding, Diwali etc. We will be sharing these on MONDAY.**



### **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 reinforcing 2D shapes and talking about their properties (corners and sides, straight, curved). Please look for examples of shapes at home and in the local environment.
- Next week we will be exploring 3D shapes and their properties. Look in your cupboards at home, can you find a cylinder, cuboid, cube? Keep a tally chart. Which can you find most of?
- Talk about a celebration you enjoy as a family. What do you do to celebrate?
- Next week we will be reinforcing positional language (behind, next to, in front of, inside, outside)
- We have been encouraging the children to make simple representations and develop pencil control. Encourage your child to draw a picture of one of their toys at home. They need to look carefully at what they can see and then draw it.

### **Photographs**

All orders for photographs need to be in received by the school office by 9am on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. If you would like to send the form in via Nursery please return it on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.



### **Christmas!!!!**

Yes it is coming. We have started to introduce some of our songs and rhymes. We do not have many weeks before the performance and we will be sending home some of the songs so the children can sing them at home too.

If anyone needs help with costume ideas please come and ask as we have some costumes at Nursery.



**Road works are starting on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov just outside Junior House. This may impact on your journey to and from Nursery.**