

Seaton House Nursery newsletter.

For the week beginning: **24th April 2017**

Theme: Nursery Rhymes

What we have been doing this week:

In **Rabbit class** this week we have been sharing the fantastic story boxes and creating stories with props in the small world area. We have also been talking about our caterpillar adventures over the holidays. In our story focus this week we have been reading *The Bear Hunt* and using this familiar story to assess comprehension skills using different levels of questioning. We will be developing these skills over the next term. We have made a change to our star of the morning routine each day. We will still be choosing 2 stars each day but the children will be asking the 'stars' questions using what, where, when, who to develop their questioning skills (this could be very interesting!) Outside this week we have been hunting for minibeasts and using information books to find out more about them. We have also been hunting for numbers, counting out sets and playing games involving adding scores to find the total.

In **Hedgehog class** we have been settling the new children and introducing/reinforcing the use of all of the areas of provision both inside and outside. The children have enjoyed taking part in circle time activities to explore emotions and language activities. Outside we have been supporting the children to use the equipment safely.

We would like to welcome our new children again and congratulate them on settling in so well! We are very proud of you.

Next week:

Next week we will be exploring nursery rhymes. We will be using information books and the internet to find out facts about spiders and creating our own fact book. The children will be making spiders, using a paper folding technique to make their legs and also designing and making their own spiders in the craft area. Outside the children will be hunting for spiders in the garden, helping to look after our impressive vegetable patch and exploring how much water it takes to wash different size spiders (not real) down the spout. We will also look at other materials that will roll down pipes and tubes. Next week we will be learning about 3D shapes and looking at examples of these shapes in the environment. We will name the common 3D shapes and talk about their properties. The children will be sorting objects by shape and investigating them to find out which will roll and which will stack. In Hedgehog class we will continue to reinforce the use of all of the areas of provision both inside and outside. The children will be taking part in short group sessions including circle time activities to explore emotions, maths rhymes and songs and various language activities. Outside we have been supporting the children to use the equipment safely. The children will be exploring sensory activities and messy play inside and outside. We will also be introducing and reinforcing the Nursery Golden rules.

Diary Dates:

Settling in meetings for new Lower Nursery parents: 3rd May (see the list of time slots in the studio)

INSET: 26th May

Half term: 29th May-4th June

Review report meetings for Lower Nursery parents: Week beginning 3/7/17 (time slots will be available at the start of the session and 12-1pm)

End of Nursery reports go out to Upper Nursery parents: 23rd June 2017 Parents are also invited to attend a parent meeting during the week beginning 3rd July, evening appointments will be available on Friday 7th July)

Visit to Ladyland Farm: 28/6/17 all day

Sports Morning: 14/6/17 All parents are invited to come and join us. The children will be taking part in a variety of races and fun activities. This usually last approximately 1 hour:

Graduation Day. All parents are invited to come and share in the celebration. The children will all be sharing some songs and rhymes we have been learning. The children in Rabbit class will also receive a graduation certificate from Mrs Morrison. Normal collection at 12 noon: 12th July

End of term: 12 noon on 13th July.

Happy Birthday
in April to:



Iris: 3rd
Aryana 4th
Sofia 22nd

Ideas to follow up at home:

- Please help yourself to a mathematics and literacy game (in the studio).
- We will be reciting Nursery Rhymes next week. These are very important in supporting early literacy skills. Please reinforce and share rhymes that you learnt as a child.
- In Rabbit class we will be finding out about spiders. Use the internet to find out one interesting fact to come and share.
- The children in Rabbit class will be talking about 3D shapes and their properties (information is enclosed in book bags). Please hunt for shapes at home.
- The children in Hedgehog class could hunt for numbers in the environment, inside and outside.

