

Seaton House Nursery newsletter.

For the week beginning: 14th May 2017

What we have been doing this week:

In **Rabbit class** this week we have been reading the story 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. The children have been talking about the emotions displayed in the story and the main events. We have also had some letters from a friendly Giant called Geraldine. We sent her a letter with a list of questions the children generated. We found out she lives a long, long way away, likes the colour pink and has 2 friends called Mabel and Ethel! The children have used hair bands and clips to create some new hair pieces for Geraldine and these have been very creative! We have been looking at coins and talking about their value (this is a very tricky concept). The children have been using magic beans to develop number skills including counting out sets, calculating 1 more and 1 less and adding 2 small sets. We have also used some magic, wishing beans to share our wishes in small groups. We encouraged the children to use clear sentences and elaborate on their ideas, responding to simple questions. At carpet time each day when we select our star of the morning we also choose 3 children to ask a question for the stars to answer. This has been brilliant for developing the children's ability to formulate questions using who, what, where and when.

In **Hedgehog class** this week we have been taking part in sensory activities, number rhymes, language activities and circle times. Outside the children have been using an obstacle course to develop gross motor skills and co-ordination. The children have read the story 'Rainbow Fish' and used this story to talk about feelings.

Next week:

Next week we will be reading 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. The children will be talking about the Troll and developing their descriptive language. We will be making Troll masks and talking about the emotions displayed. Some of the children will be drawing and labeling a Troll and others will be writing sentences about the Troll. Over the week we will continue to have letters from the giant and we will encourage the children to use the writing area to respond to the giant. We will continue to reinforce 3D shape next week and the children will be using 3D shapes to create bridges for the goats. We will also be thinking about how else the goats could have got across the river. We will also be doing some phonic assessments next week and as a result we will send home a summary and areas to work on at home.

Outside next week the children will be taking part in an obstacle course to develop gross motor skills. They will also be helping to look after our growing fruit and vegetables in the garden.

In Hedgehog class the children will be sharing stories and talking about the main events. At circle time they will be talking about feelings and reinforcing taking turns and listening to others. The children will be taking part in maths activities to develop number skills and accurate counting.

Diary Dates:

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 May to:



Zaynab 4th
Ellie 8th

Each week we have planned in carpet sessions which are as follows:

Monday: 1st carpet: PSED/Music (2 groups)
2nd carpet: Using the IWB to find out information
LN: Fine motor activities.

Tuesday: 1st carpet: Phonics and listening skills (4 groups)
2nd carpet: Group discussion and topic focus
LN: IWB activities

Wednesday: 1st carpet: Story focus and language group (2 groups)
2nd carpet: Stories and rhymes (library books)
LN: Stories and rhymes

Thursday: 1st carpet: Mathematics (3 groups)
2nd carpet: FingerGym and handwriting
LN: PSED group

Friday: 1st carpet: Music/PSED (2 groups: swap with Monday)
2nd carpet: Show and tell
LN: show and tell

As we are now in the last term in Nursery we are increasing the length of the carpet sessions in preparation for Reception. We have spoken to the children about not bringing in toys from home and we would appreciate your help in reinforcing this.

We have had some lovely items for show and tell and we really appreciate seeing things that the children have been making at home. We have show and tell every Friday.

We are collecting Woodcote Nursery vouchers and we would really appreciate your help. The have grown some lovely vegetables and fruit in the garden and we will be able to use the vouchers to purchase further resources to grow next year.

Ideas to follow up at home:

- Please help yourself to a mathematics and literacy game (in the studio).
- Please keep reinforcing the formation of c,a,d,o,q,g: up and over, back around, underneath, up and down.
- Find examples of words in the environment you can read. These might be signs you recognize or words you can sound out from magazines etc. Bring them in to share.
- Look at a selection of coins and sort them into groups. Can you see any numbers on the coins? How many pennies are they worth? Can you match each coin to the correct amount of pennies?
- Can you think of a question using: who, what, where or when? Bring in your question to ask at carpet time.
- Think about how else The Billy Goats could have crossed the river.
- Could you make a boat to carry the goats across the river?



Posh News - Upcoming Dates for the Diary:

9th June - Mufti Day.

In return for Nursery pupils to wear their own clothes, please can we ask you all to bring in bags of sealed sweets which will be making an appearance in our Sweet Tombola at the School Family Fun Day on 24th June.

24th June - Family Fun Day.

Stalls & Activities will include: Amazing Animal World, Bouncy Castle, Inflatable Slide, DiddiCars, Selfie Station, a Free Entertainer plus many fabulous stalls with food and drinks.