

Seaton House Nursery newsletter.

For the week beginning: 2nd May 2017

What we have been doing this week:

In **Rabbit class** this week we have been finding out about spiders. We have used the internet and non fiction texts to learn lots of new information about spiders. This has included that spiders are arachnids, they lay eggs and wrap them in a cocoon which linked nicely to our topic work last half term and the children were quick to make this connection. Spiders have 48 knees and 8 eyes (2 large at the front and 6 smaller eyes at the sides). The children have been making spiders, investigating how much water is needed to wash a spider (not real) down a spout and reciting Nursery rhymes, including Incy Wincy Spider. We have also been exploring 3D shapes this week and looking at the 2D shapes we can see on them. We have introduced the names and properties and the children have been sorting everyday objects based on their 3D shape. We have also continued to have our weekly small group phonic sessions and mathematics sessions which focus on number skills.

In **Hedgehog class** this week we have been exploring construction resources sensory materials. The children have settled well and are taking part in short group sessions to explore language and number skills. We have also had circle times to discuss emotions.

We have grown some lovely vegetables in the garden and we are collecting Woodcote Garden Centre vouchers so if you are buying any plants over the weekend please make sure you get your vouchers and send them in.

Next week:

Next week we will continue to explore nursery rhymes. However, our focus will be on 'Hickory Dickory Dock'. The children will be looking at a variety of different clocks and thinking about the key features they share. They will be making their own clocks complete with a numbered clock face and moving hands. Outside we will be exploring what we can do in 1 minute and the children will use number to record how many of each exercise they can complete. We will also be exploring forces, finding things that roll and slide and linking this to shapes and sizes. We will continue to reinforce 3D shapes next week and the children will be using 3D shapes to create models and talk about them. Our story focus is 'Dear Mother Goose' and the children will be talking about the characters and describing them. We will also writing our own letters to characters in the story. Our garden is developing nicely and our potatoes, vegetables and strawberries are all growing well!

In Hedgehog class we will continue to explore sensory activities and construction resources. The children will be making models to display. At carpet time we will be developing our language activities and playing games to encourage accurate counting.

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
Aryaana 4th
Sofia 22nd
Inaya 23rd
Neve 25th

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 have been finding out about spiders. At home the children could use the internet to find out one interesting fact to come and share at carpet time.
- We have been talking about 3D shapes and their properties. Find some objects and sort them into groups according to their 3D shape.
- The children have been hunting for minibeasts outside and looking for spider webs. They could continue this in their garden at home and the park.
- Next week we are looking at clocks. Look on the internet and around the house to find different kinds of clocks.
- Find different ways of measure small units of time.
- Investigate what you can do in 1 minute.

