

Seaton House Nursery newsletter.

For the week beginning: **22nd May 2017**

What we have been doing this week:

In **Rabbit class** this week we have been reading the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have described the Troll and introduced new vocabulary such as ferocious, and gigantic. Some of the children have been drawing the Troll and describing him and others have written descriptive sentences to go with a photograph of a Troll. The children have been using the construction resources to make bridges for the goats and using these with props to retell the story. We have completed a phonic assessment update this week and a note has come home in your child's bookbag with a summary. A letter has also come home this week about sports morning on 14th June. Each child has been put in a colour team. The children will all take part in each event and will move round as a team.

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.

Next week:

Next week we will continue to read 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and 'Troll 2,3,4'. The children will be talking about the Troll and making Troll masks and puppets. Over the week we will continue to have letters from Geraldine the giant and we will encourage the children to use the writing area to respond to her. We will continue to reinforce 3D shape next week and talk about their properties.

Outside next week the children will be helping to look after our growing fruit and vegetables in the garden and planting their own sunflower seed. We will also be going on a minibeast hunt.

In **Hedgehog class** the children will be playing listening and responding games, sharing rhymes and number songs and looking at books. The children will also be doing some table top painting and exploring sensory resources to develop their descriptive language.

INSET day on 26th May 2017

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).
- 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?
- Draw a troll and label his/her features.
- Find some pictures from 'Trolls' and use these to make a picture to share at carpet time.
- Make a collection of objects and order them in size. Reinforce the language: tall, taller and tallest, short, shorter and shortest.



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Family Fun Day Newsflash 24th June 12-3pm:

As part of our fantastic Family Fun Day this year we will be holding the first Great Seaton House Bake off. Dust off your aprons and join us!! The fabulous cakes will be judged in 3 categories; Junior House, Senior House and Adults.

Reminders:

Week 22nd May: The children will be bringing home a paper bag to decorate over the half term. Please can you add unused, unopened pocket money toys or sweets (please consider we will have some boys coming so boys toys too.) These will be prizes in our Hook the Duck stall at the Family Fun Day.

Week 5th June: Please return the filled decorated bags to your class.

Friday 9th June: Mufti day: Children to wear their own clothes in return for bringing in unopened packs of sweets or chocolates.

Friday 23rd June: Donated cakes to be brought in. If you would prefer not to take part in the Great Seaton House Bake off please still support us and bring in cakes to be sold in our Cafe.

Coming Soon to a Book Bag Near You.....The Family Fun Day Programme and Raffle Tickets with an outline of our Fabulous Day.

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