

# Seaton House Nursery Newsletter.

Week ending: 06/10/17

## What we have been doing this week:

This week Rabbits class have been thinking about what they would like to be when they are grown up. We have been reading a variety of stories about growing up, as well as finding out information about different occupations in non-fiction books. We are also very lucky to have had visits from Martha's mummy to talk about being a dentist and from Arya Angus's mummy to tell us about her work as a doctor. We talked about a variety of jobs and discussed in small groups what we would like to do when we are grown up. The children enjoyed dressing up as their future self and created some lovely drawings of what they will look like. We will be using these to make a class book. We have continued working in our greengrocers shop this week to reinforce the concept of heavier and lighter. The children have also been using the coins to make sets and add two small amounts to find the total. Outside the Rabbits have been exploring natural materials such as pine cones, shells and conkers and we have used these resources to develop an understanding of the sorting of objects and the different criteria we can use for sorting.

Hedgehogs have been taking part in a variety of activities to promote their listening skills and they have enjoyed exploring a variety of instruments and dancing with the scarves to different types of music. They have also been introduced to the magnets and have enjoyed experimenting with them.

## What we have planned:

Next week we will be thinking about Harvest. Rabbits will be exploring a variety of fruit and vegetables and describing them. They will also be doing some observational drawings of the fruit and vegetables. We will be focusing on developing good pencil control, representational skills and encouraging the children to look closely at objects and draw what they can see. We will be looking at the work of the artist Arcimboldo who created pictures using fruit and vegetables. Examples of his work can be found on the following website - <http://www.guiseeppe-arcimboldo.org/>

Rabbits class will also be talking about being healthy and the importance of eating healthily. The children will be cutting pictures of food from magazines and sorting them into healthy and unhealthy groups.

Next week Hedgehogs will be investigating their sense of hearing, touch and smell through a variety of sensory and listening activities, indoors and out. They will also be looking at and comparing a variety of boxes of different shapes and sizes to help develop vocabulary associated with size. All the children will be involved in singing harvest songs in preparation for our Harvest Celebration.

## Dates

**18<sup>th</sup> October** - Individual school photos and autumn walk  
( Please note the change of date for the autumn walk )

**19<sup>th</sup> October** Nursery Harvest celebration 9.15 am

**8<sup>th</sup> November** - Nursery visit to Banstead Library

\* Please note that this visit is now for Rabbits **and** Hedgehogs.

**Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Week of Upper Nursery parent meetings

**Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> November** Week of Lower Nursery parent meetings

A letter will come home nearer the time, for you to select a time slot.

## October Birthdays!

Happy birthday to:



Arya Angus = 19<sup>th</sup> October

## Ideas to try at home - Rabbits

This week we have been counting out small sets of coins and adding them together. The children could continue to do this at home. With a partner they could roll the dice and count out that number of objects. Their partner then does the same. These sets could be compared to see who has more or less. Encourage your child to see how many you have altogether by adding the two sets and recounting them.

Sorting - collect a variety of objects and talk with your child about how they can be sorted - e.g. by colour, by what they are made of.

Encourage your child to make simple representations. They could look closely at a favourite toy and draw a picture of it.

Please send in any food magazines you have at home. We will be looking through these next week, cutting out pictures and sorting them into healthy and unhealthy groups.



## Library books

We hope you have enjoyed sharing your child's library book with them. Every Wednesday the children have the opportunity to select a new book and the books will be sent home on a Thursday. Please return your library book by the Wednesday of the following week.



Thank you

A reminder that children are not permitted to bring in food items containing nuts, sesame seeds or sesame oil, as we have a child who has severe allergies to these ingredients.

Many thanks for your continued support with this

We would still be grateful for any cardboard boxes and tubes for our craft area and also any old greetings cards and wrapping paper for the children to cut, to develop their scissor skills.

