

Seaton House Nursery Newsletter

Week ending 13/10/17

What we have been doing this week:

This week Rabbits class have been thinking about harvest and linking this to keeping healthy. We have been exploring a variety of fruit and vegetables, describing them and sorting them into groups. We also looked at some pictures of the work of the artist Arcimboldo, who created some great pictures using fruit and vegetables. More information can be found on the following website: <http://www.giuseppe-arcimboldo.org/> We have read the story of 'The Healthy Wolf' and used this to encourage discussions about being healthy and the importance of eating healthily. The children have also sorted food items and pictures into healthy and unhealthy groups and cut out pictures of healthy food to put on a plate. In Maths Rabbits class have been involved in a variety of counting and number activities, including number bingo, which they particularly enjoyed! Outside the children spent time hunting for natural "ingredients" such as conkers, pine cones, stones and leaves to make a pretend soup.

Hedgehogs have been involved in a variety of sensory activities - including handling a variety of vegetables and discussing what they feel like, and identifying different scents and smells in the garden. They have also been investigating a variety of objects and different shaped boxes to help promote language associated with size.

All the children have been busy practising their Harvest songs and we look forward to singing them to you next week!

What we have planned:

Next week we will be sharing our harvest songs with you on Thursday. We aim to start at 9.15 and the songs will last for approximately 20 minutes. **Parents are invited to attend the Phonics workshop afterwards. Please send back the reply slip if you have not already done so.**

Rabbits will be taking part in a variety of sensory activities inside and outside next week. They will be exploring the musical instruments and making their own and they will be using their sense of smell and touch to help them to describe different smells, textures and materials.

Hedgehogs class will continue to take part in a variety of sensory activities and will be making pictures from natural resources they have collected outside. They will also talking about babies and how we look after them.

All children will be visiting the main school on Wednesday to have individual photos taken. We will be incorporating this with an autumn walk in the area around the school and in the Nature Area near the school playground. We will also be looking at examples of print in the environment - e.g. road signs and street names.

Dates

18th October - Individual school photos and autumn walk

19th October - Harvest Celebration and Phonics workshop

8th November - all Nursery children to visit Banstead Library

Week beginning 13th November - Week of Upper Nursery parent meetings

Week beginning 20th November - Week of Lower Nursery meetings

Saturday 25th November - POSH Winter Fayre

October Birthdays!

Happy birthday

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We will be making a display of examples of print found in our everyday lives to help the children understand that words convey meaning. We would be grateful for anything you have at home that we could add to our display - e.g. food packaging (cereal packets, food wrappers etc), packaging showing names of familiar supermarkets and shops, cuttings from old comics/ toy packaging showing the names of children's characters/ TV programmes (e.g. CBeebies. Peppa Pig). Many thanks

Ideas to try at home

Go on an autumn walk and collect a variety of autumnal items such as pine cones, conkers and acorns. Compare their sizes and talk about how they feel (smooth, bumpy, prickly etc). Collect a selection of leaves and discuss the different colours and shapes.

Make a point of pointing out words when you are at home and out and about, and talk about what the writing "says". Food packaging, signs in the supermarket, shop signs, road and car park signs will all help provide opportunities for discussion.

POSH WINTER FAYRE

Please note that the POSH Winter Fayre will be held on Saturday 25th November - 2.00pm - 4.30 pm.

This is always a very popular event. We hope you will be able to join us!

Please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day as the weather is beginning to turn chilly and wet.

Thank you

**Our topic for after half term will be Celebrations.
More details to follow.**