

Seaton House Nursery newsletter.

20.10.17

What we have been doing this week:

This week we have had a busy week. We hope you enjoyed our harvest assembly on Thursday. We are very impressed with how well the children performed, particularly as Thursday was the first time they had performed on the stage! Thank you to all those who came to the phonic workshops. We hope that you found it useful. If you were unable to attend, a pack has come home in your child's book bag.

Despite the rather damp weather, the children enjoyed an autumn walk on Wednesday, in the local area and around the school and they had a lovely time collecting autumnal objects, such as pine cones, conkers, twigs and different coloured leaves. Our walk also involved visiting the nature area and pond in the near the playground in the main part of the school. We also took the opportunity to look at and discuss signs displayed around the environment. This week we have also been looking at objects and pictures related to Diwali and have been lucky to have Shreya's mummy to come in and talk to us about the festival.

Rabbits have been making instruments from a variety of junk materials and exploring how they can make different sounds. They have also been busy planting bulbs and have participated in a variety of activities involving their senses. Hedgehogs have been involved in a variety of sensory activities and have been making pictures from natural resources. They have also been talking about babies and how we look after them.

What we have planned:

Next half term we will be thinking about celebrations and festivals. We will be thinking about the different festivals and events we celebrate with our families. A copy of our topic web for next half term will be available for you to look at nearer the time. Below is a flavour of the main focus areas of what we have planned for after half term for Rabbits class

- 1 Continuing to talk about Diwali and how it is celebrated. We will read and retell the story of Rama and Sita. We will explore repeating patterns and use a variety of materials to make these. We will talk about fireworks and use this to explore colour mixing and changing sounds.
- 2 The children will be designing and making rockets with junk and construction resources. We will be encouraging them to talk through their ideas and adapt these when needed. We will be exploring 2D shapes and using them to create pictures and patterns. The children will be acting out and sequencing the story 'Whatever Next'.
- 3 Celebrations and parties. We will be planning a party and thinking about what we need. The children will be writing invitations, cards and lists of food. We will be wrapping presents and using this to reinforce size and introduce 3D shape.
- 4 Talking about the variety of things we celebrate: weddings, Christenings etc. We will be looking at photographs and talking about special events. We will be exploring ICT resources and finding out what they do and how they work.
- 5 We will be involved in a variety of Christmas activities including making decorations for Christmas, planning our Christmas party and putting on our Christmas play.

Hedgehogs will be involved in activities centred around Fireworks and Christmas and will also be talking about Celebrations. More specific details about Hedgehogs' activities will be given on a weekly basis in the newsletter.

Please make sure that your child has a coat at Nursery every day. We make use of our outside area each day and it is starting to get chilly and wet.



Show and tell.

After half term we will have a regular show and tell session every Friday morning. The children are welcome to bring something to share.



Library books and games.

We hope you enjoyed sharing your child's library book. Every Wednesday we have a carpet time to select a new book with the children. These will always be sent home on a Friday. We will begin sending home a game to reinforce Literacy skills and a Maths game every week. A Literacy game will have come home this week and the Maths games will be coming home after half term.



Dates

Wednesday 8th Nov

Rabbits and Hedgehogs to visit Banstead Library

Week beginning 13th Nov

Upper Nursery parent meetings

Week beginning 20th Nov

Lower Nursery parent meetings

Saturday 25th Nov

POSH Winter Fayre - 2.00 - 4.30

Wednesday 13th Dec

Nursery Christmas performance in hall at 9.30 am

Friday 15th Dec

Nursery Christmas party

Friday 20th Dec

Last day of term. School finishes 12.00 pm

Have a wonderful half term. We look forward to seeing you in two weeks.