

# Seaton House Nursery newsletter.

Week ending : 29/09/17.

## What we have been doing this week:

Scooter training for Rabbits this week was lots of fun and the children have hopefully learnt some new skills. We looked at the parts of the scooter, being safe on our scooters, moving with skill and crossing a road safely. Next week we will continue to develop these skills in the garden for the children, using the bikes and scooters at Nursery. Rabbits Class have enjoyed looking at baby photographs and sharing them in small groups. They have been thinking about what they could do as babies and how they have changed as they have grown older. Rabbits have also been exploring sorting with a variety of objects to develop an understanding of sorting by a given criteria ( e.g. by colour, by shape ). We have set up greengrocers shop this week using real fruit and vegetables. The children explored the vegetables and named them and we then used them in the shop. We have been using balance scales to develop the concept of heavier and lighter. In the greengrocers shop the children have also been writing shopping lists, taking on a role in group play and using coins to count out small sets to pay for their shopping. Hedgehogs have been exploring the wind -up toys, looking at light, sound and movement. In their cooking session this week they were introduced to the health and safety rules in the kitchen and they made fairy cakes. On Wednesday they enjoyed a walk looking for numbers and shapes in the area around the school. Hedgehogs have also been exploring the shapes of different cardboard boxes and tubes etc. and assembling them to make models.

## What we have planned:

Next week we will be encouraging Rabbits Class to think about what they would like to be when they grow up. We will be reading a variety of stories about growing up, together with looking at information books about occupations. The children will be sharing their ideas in small groups, drawing pictures of themselves and using the dressing up resources to dress up as what they would like to be when they grow up. They will also be talking about their families. We will continue to develop the greengrocers shop next week and use the role play to reinforce number recognition, encourage accurate counting out of coins to make small sets and adding 2 small sets to find the total. Outside next week Rabbits will be exploring natural materials such as pine cones, shells and conkers. We will use the resources to reinforce heavier and lighter with those needing further support. We will also be sorting the materials into sets and using the resources to create pictures and patterns. To follow up our scooter training from last week we will be setting up courses for the children to follow. Hedgehogs will be developing their listening skills next week through a variety of games and activities, ( e.g. playing and listening to different instruments and listening to recordings of every day sounds ). They will listen and move to different types of music and be encouraged to move to the music in different ways, using the scarves. They will also develop their number skills - counting out gems to go into numbered pots. The children will also be learning harvest songs ready to perform at the harvest assembly.

## Dates

**11<sup>th</sup> October** - Autumn walk and looking for examples of print in the local environment  
**18<sup>th</sup> October** - Individual school photos  
**19<sup>th</sup> October** Nursery Harvest celebration 9.15 am  
**8<sup>th</sup> November** - Rabbits class visit to Banstead Library  
**Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Week of Upper Nursery parent meetings  
**15<sup>th</sup> November** Drama workshop  
**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:



Charlie - 1<sup>st</sup> October  
Arya Angus = 19<sup>th</sup> October

## Ideas to try at home - Rabbits

### Additional ideas to try at home:

We have been comparing objects in terms of weight.

- At home explore this further. Select an object and then ask your child to find something that is heavier and then something that is lighter. Encourage your child to use their hands as a balance so that they can feel the weights and compare them.
- Find 3 objects and order them in terms of weight.

We have been exploring fruit and vegetables this week and naming them. Visit the greengrocers or section in the supermarket. Can you find an aubergine, leeks, courgette, sweet potato, mango, guava, tangerine, celery?

Talk about where each of the fruit and vegetables you find grow. Is it in a tree, bush or under the ground?

Encourage your child to make a shopping list and then go and buy the items.

Use tins from your cupboard and put numbers on them. Encourage your child to count out 1p coins to pay for each item. Encourage them to count carefully and stop when they reach the number that has been requested.



### Scooter Practice

As well as practising steering and controlling their scooters, Rabbits have been learning to stop their scooters, to not go too far ahead of their adult, to always stop and wait by the kerb and to get off and walk with their scooter when crossing the road. If you are out and about at the weekends, it would be an ideal time to reinforce these rules!

### Ideas to try at home - Hedgehogs

The children are enjoying the books at Nursery. At home you could spend time sharing books with your child, reading to them and talking with them about what they can see in the pictures.

Please note - There has been another case of Chicken Pox in the Nursery.

### Wanted!!

Cardboard boxes and tubes for junk modelling and also old birthday cards etc cards for cutting - many thanks!