

Seaton House Nursery newsletter.

Week ending: 17/11/17.

What we have been doing this week:

This week Rabbits children have been reading and talking about the story 'Whatever Next' (a story about a bear who makes a rocket and travels to the moon). They have used junk materials and construction to create their own rocket ship to go into space. This was a lovely opportunity to encourage them to share their ideas and explain their thinking and to talk about the different shapes they had used.

All children have been involved in activities to reinforce 2D shapes. We have been hunting for shapes and sorting them by looking at their properties and we have had shapes hidden outside for the children to find and name. Rabbits developed this further by using lolly sticks to create the 2D shapes, reinforcing the 'sides' and 'corners'. This was also a great opportunity to encourage problem solving skills.

With Hedgehogs this week the focus has also been on developing their interactions within the role play areas and also on providing opportunities to develop their fine motor skills and mark making skills.

What we have planned:

Rabbits class will be talking about celebrations and how we celebrate. The children will be looking at items that are used in celebrations and sharing photographs of themselves celebrating at family events (**please send these in on Monday**). In the home corner we will be setting up ready for a party with the toys. The children will be writing lists of party food, looking in recipe books and making food with the playdough, using the tools. We will encourage the children to make birthday cards and think carefully about the picture they will add to the front of their card. The children enjoyed using the junk materials and construction resources this week so we will continue to develop this next week.

Activities for Hedgehogs next week will include joining in with the Party role play and also a focus on Nature Garden activities.

All children will be involved in games/ activities outside reinforcing their use and understanding of positional language - e.g. on, behind, in front, under, next to. They will also be introduced to the names of 3D shapes.

Rabbits Class - Please send in a photograph of your child celebrating. This could be a birthday, Christmas, wedding, Diwali etc. We will be sharing these on Monday.

Dates

Week beginning 20 th November	week of Lower Nursery meetings
Saturday 25 th November	POSH Winter Fayre 2.00 - 4.30
Wednesday 13 th December	Nursery Christmas performance - 9.30 This will be in the hall so that we have lots of space. Nursery Christmas Party.
Tuesday 19 th December	<u>Nursery is closed until 9.30am on the day of the party. All children should come to Nursery at 9.30am. There will be no Earlybirds session on this day</u>
Wednesday 20 th December -	Term ends at 12.00

November Birthdays! Happy birthday to:



Tina 13th Nov
Rebecca 20th Nov

Rosie Rabbit and Henry Hedgehog

Rosie and Henry have been enjoying their visits home with the children! Please note that we will be sharing their adventures with the rest of the class on the Friday after they are sent home, so although we would like them to come back to Nursery before that time, please do not feel that you have to rush to bring them back for the Monday.

Ideas to try at home.

We hope you have been enjoying the Literacy and Maths games and the library books that have been coming home.

Additional ideas to try at home:

- This week we have been reinforcing 2D shapes and talking about their properties (corners and sides, straight, curved). Please look for examples of shapes at home and in the local environment.
- Talk about a celebration you enjoy as a family. What do you do to celebrate?
- Next week we will be reinforcing positional language (behind, next to, in front of, on, beside, inside, outside etc). These words can be reinforced at home through everyday activities (e.g. putting toys away and describing where they belong, hunting for a hidden object in the garden and asking questions as to where it could be).

Wanted!

Week beginning 20th November



Teddies and soft toys for the
"Snowball Toss" stall at the Winter
Fayre

Christmas!!!!

We have started to introduce some of our songs and rhymes. We do not have many weeks before the performance and we will be sending home some of the songs so the children can sing them at home too.



Reminder

Please note that children are not permitted to bring in any food items containing nuts, sesame seeds or sesame oil as we have a child with severe allergies to these ingredients. This includes foods containing hummus and pesto.

Many thanks for your support with this.