

# Seaton House Nursery Newsletter

Week ending 24/11/17

## **What we have been doing this week:**

This week Rabbits have been thinking about celebrations and what we do when we celebrate. The children enjoyed looking at objects we associate with celebrations (candles, cards, gifts, party bags etc). The children have been writing lists of things we might need for a party and creating lists and recipes for their own party. We have also been exploring 3D shape this week, sorting the shapes into sets, naming them and building with them. The children have been using construction resources and junk materials to make models and have been encouraged to talk about their ideas. All Nursery children have become very involved in our party role play corner, making cakes and preparing for a party. We have heard lots of renditions of the Happy Birthday song!

We are making good progress with our Christmas songs and will continue to practise these next week. Hedgehogs have also been busy using their sense of touch and smell to explore a variety of dried ingredients and they have enjoyed using different tools such as whisks and tongs with them. They have been developing their fine motor skills through a variety of mark making activities.

## **What we have planned:**

Next week we will be talking about Christmas and thinking about how Christmas is celebrated. Rabbits class will be helping Rosie to sort Christmas related objects and describe what they are and how they might be used. We will be setting up a Christmas shop in the classroom, for use by all children and will be using this to encourage the children to recognise numbers, count out coins and write shopping lists. Outside we will have a parcel delivery service. The children will be wrapping parcels as we reinforce 3D shapes. They will then write labels for the parcels and deliver them to the numbered houses.

All children will be involved in a variety of Christmas craft activities and will be practising our Christmas songs. Alongside this, Hedgehogs will be continuing to develop their fine motor skills through a variety of activities including cutting cooked spaghetti with scissors, to develop hand strength and scissor skills.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November is the school Winter Fair. Please come along and support the school and enjoy the start of the Christmas season.**

## Dates

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	POSH Winter Fair
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas show in the main school hall.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Party.

**Nursery is closed until 9.30am on the day of the party. All children should come to Nursery at 9.30am.**

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term. School finishes at 12.00pm
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## Maths and Literacy games -

Please ensure that these are returned each week.

Please let us know if there are any pieces missing.

Many thanks

## Ideas to try at home.

- This week we have been exploring 3D shapes and their properties. At home you could hunt for examples of 3D shapes inside and outside. How many cylinders, cuboids, cubes and spheres did you find? Which can you find most of?
- Talk about a celebration you enjoy as a family. What do you do to celebrate.
- Please continue to share stories and books with your children at home. Encourage them to talk about what they can see in the pictures and talk about what is happening in the story.
- Join in with your child in acting out a birthday party at home with their favourite toys/ teddies. They could create invitations, make cakes, count out plates and cups etc.

